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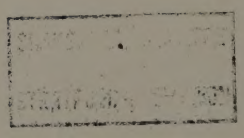

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INTRODUCTION

EVERY one familiar with Arber's *Transcript of the Stationers' Registers, 1554–1640* (printed in 1875–7, with an index volume issued in 1894), is aware that there is a section of Register B which he was not allowed to publish. In his second volume (p. 879) will be found a note that, except for a few extracts, 'permission has not been granted by the present Court of the Company to reprint' the Decrees and Ordinances, which occupy folios 427 to 486. It is difficult to understand why in 1875 the Court of the Stationers' Company should have withheld permission for the publication of these records. No doubt they reveal the august fathers of the craft as very human beings, but they contain nothing in any way derogatory of the Company or Court as such, nor can one imagine that after the lapse of three hundred years it would have mattered if they had. Whatever the reason, the present Court has taken a broader view of its responsibilities, and through the good offices of Mr. R. A. Austen-Leigh, himself a member at once of that Court and of the Council of the Bibliographical Society, arrangements have at length been made to render the records available to students. The Society has been allowed to make photostatic copies of the Decrees and Ordinances that fill nearly 120 pages of Register B and likewise of the whole of Court Book C, which runs to close on 600 pages. We have thus in our hands the complete records of the Court of the Stationers' Company from July 1576 down to March 1655. The mass of material provided by the three-quarters of a century is very great—over 700 large folio pages often closely written—and the problem of how best to deal with it must necessarily exercise the Council for some time to come. As a beginning it was decided to print at once and in full the section contained in Register B, which begins in July 1576 and is continuous down to the end of September 1602. The present volume is the result. The Council also thought it desirable that some sort of report on this part of the material should be laid before the Society, and a paper dealing with it was read at the meeting of 19 Dec. 1927. It was then hoped to issue the volume within a year. But, as usual, the amount of editing required, though it has been compressed as far as possible, proved unexpectedly great, and one year has lengthened into three. The present Introduction has been revised and enlarged from the report read before the Society, but remains I fear rather sketchy. All I have tried to do is to give some idea of the nature of the material found in the

records; I have made no attempt either to write a history of the Company for the quarter of a century in question or to determine in detail its organization, still less to discuss as they deserve the many interesting transactions recorded. To do so would require a far greater knowledge of the affairs of the Company than I possess. The object of the present undertaking is rather to provide material for a future historian of the Company and its members, and to arrange the exhibits in orderly fashion. My own part for the moment is that of a humble showman.

After mentioning that he had been obliged to omit the section of Register B with which we are now concerned, Arber continued: 'These Ordinances are chiefly the decisions or arbitrations of the Executive of the Company upon complaints of or disputes between individual Stationers. They are certainly not the Court Book of the Company from 1576 to 1603 A.D. which has apparently perished; and which is succeeded by another series of Volumes now extant lettered C. D. E., &c., which contain the minutes of the Court of Assistants in regular succession to the present time'. Arber's confidence is a little surprising, especially as his theory would necessitate our assuming the loss of two early Court Books, A and B. Perhaps he was moved by a natural desire to minimize the importance of the records he was unable to print. Apparently the only reason for doubting whether the 'Decrees and Ordonnances', as they are headed, are the regular records of the Company's Court, is that, while from 1603 these are inscribed in a regular sequence of Court Books, the present series is entered in a section of the Register, or Clerk's Book, or Hall Book as it was sometimes called, and that none are preserved of a date before 1576. But the records take exactly the same form as the minutes of the later Court Books, and the two series form a continuous whole. Moreover many of the entries are quite explicit, beginning 'At a court holden this day' (a formula already found in the third entry), or more formally still 'At a full Court of Assistentes holden this day' (e.g. p. 31; cf. 'ordinatum est in plena Curia', p. 35); and from 1585 on there is usually added a regular list of members present at the Court. I think therefore that we may safely reverse Arber's statement and say that we certainly have here the Court Book for the years in question.[1]

It is true that there was another volume in which the formal Acts of the

[1] The problem had already presented itself to the Stationers of the seventeenth century, for a note of that period written inside the cover of Register B surmises that the 'Decrees or Orders' are 'probably the Court Book from Iuly 1576 to November 1603' (Arber, ii. 32). This proves at any rate that no other Court Book covering these years was then known to exist. It affords no evidence as to whether any records previous to July 1576 were then extant.

Court, as distinct from the minutes, were inscribed. In the entry of 19 Jan. 1598 we find appended to certain resolutions the following note: 'Also yt is ordered that these ordonnances against excessiue pryces of bookes and against printinge for forens to this Company shalbe wrytten in the Redd booke and publiquely redd to this company with thother ordonnaunces on the vsuall quarter dayes' (p. 59).[1] I cannot identify this Red Book[2] in the 'Catalogue of Records at Stationers' Hall' printed in *The Library* (1926, vi. 349) unless it is the 'Liber A' there described as 'Orders of Parliament'.[3]

Sequence of the Company's Books

Assuming then that the minutes of 1576 to 1602 form in fact the Court Book for those years, the next question is why Register B alone should include a section of the records of the Court and why no records of earlier date remain. We may get a hint towards the answer if we remember that there is a gap in the entrances of copies and other detailed receipts between Register A and Register B extending from July 1571 to July 1576, a gap, that is, of exactly five craft years. The missing entries would probably have filled some 120 to 130 pages: had they been lost from one of the Registers they would have left a noticeable gap, on the other hand they would not have been bulky enough to form a volume by themselves. Register A begins in 1557, the year of the granting of the royal charter (4 May, 3 & 4 Philip and Mary), and contains

[1] The public reading of the ordinances on quarter-days was laid down in the ordinances themselves. The earliest printed collection of 'Orders, Rules and Ordinances' are those of 1678, reprinted by Arber (i. 3 ff.). In these it is provided that at the 'Four Quarter Courts', to which the Master and Warden might summon what members of the Company they pleased, 'all the Orders and Ordinances of the said Society, or so many of them as shall be held necessary, shall be then and there distinctly read and published before the Members of the said Society' (i. 6).

[2] It is also mentioned in the Wardens' Accounts for 1591–2 (Arber, i. 556): 'Item paid to the Clerke for the wrytinge the Decrees of the starre chamber into the red booke, by order of the companye . . . x^{s}'.

[3] Further investigation does not support this suggestion, since no trace can be found of the two documents said to have been copied into the Red Book. The volume in question is a large folio, rather frayed at the edges, which was rebound apparently late in the seventeenth century and lettered on the back 'Orders of Parliam^{t}. & L^{d}. Mayor—Liber A', while a large 'A' is written in ink on the leather of the front cover. The contents, which go back to 16 May, 14 Henry VIII, i.e. 1522, consist largely of Mayoral Precepts, Acts of the Common Council relating to the Stationers' Company, lists of contributors to subsidies, some agreements between individual Stationers and formal orders of the Court of Assistants, together with copies of letters addressed to the Master and Wardens by the Court of High Commission, the Privy Council, and King James. The book is obviously of great importance for the history and constitution of the Company, and would need to be carefully studied before any final opinion on these subjects could be formed. I have not been able to use it here, since I only discovered it when this Introduction was already in type.

the detailed accounts year by year down to the close of that ending 22 July 1571. This brings us to folio 209[b]. Since there are 275 leaves in the volume, there remained 132 pages blank when it was abandoned for its original purpose. These were subsequently filled with the Wardens' summary cash accounts for the years from July 1571 to July 1596. The volume contains no trace of decrees or ordinances, nor any indication of Court records whatever.[1]

It is clear, then, that this Register was discarded, so far as its original purpose was concerned, not because it was full, for it would probably have just served for the five missing years, but because it was decided to make some change in the manner of keeping the accounts. What this change was a comparison with Register B will at once suggest. Register A is essentially an account book: each year is complete in itself, and within each in different sections are recorded payments on the one hand, and on the other various receipts under the headings of apprentices, freemen, livery, fines, entrances of copies, and miscellaneous. Though perhaps not actually kept by the Wardens, it was in fact a Wardens' Book, containing the materials for their annual accounts, and it is actually labelled 'Wardens Accounts' on the back (*Library*, vi. 351; Arber, i. 31). Its use as such continued down to 1596, but after July 1571 the receipts are only entered in summary form, not in detail. And it is significant that in the abstract of receipts for 1571–2 the sum for 'Lycenced coppies', that is for the entrance of copies, is given 'as doth appeare by the Register in the Clarkes booke' (Arber, i. 451).

Such a 'Clarkes booke' we find in Register B, which begins in July 1576. This is divided up, not into years, but into sections dealing respectively with entrance of copies, admissions, apprentices, and so forth: and one of these sections consists of the Decrees and Ordinances, which, as we have already seen, are in effect a Court Book.[2] After July 1595 Register B ceased to be used as an Entrance book, the portion allotted for this purpose being full, and Register C was begun. Decrees and Ordinances continued to be entered down to near the end of 1602, presentation of apprentices and certain other matter down to July 1605.

Now, although it is not possible to prove it in any formal way, I think that we can hazard an explanation that will account for these facts in a sufficiently plausible manner to be convincing. I suggest that in 1557 the Company

[1] The contrary statement in *The Library* (vi. 351) is erroneous.

[2] The section allotted to the Decrees and Ordinances was the last in the volume, and from the start the Clerk was in the habit of utilizing some of the pages near the end for miscellaneous memoranda. These at a subsequent date therefore became embedded in the later minutes of the Court, as will be seen in the present edition (see pp. 86, 89, 93, 94).

began its records in two volumes, one the Wardens' Book which was essentially an account book, and the other the Clerk's Book which was essentially a minute book. The one was known, though perhaps only later, as Register A, the other as Court Book A. However, as the routine work of the Company increased this division became inconvenient. The details of revenue, most of which (like the entrance of copies) were of administrative rather than of financial importance, were out of place in the Wardens' accounts, and in July 1571, on the appointment of a new Clerk (who received wages from Michaelmas), it was decided to hand them over to this official, reserving the Wardens' Book for summary accounts only. The Clerk was already in possession of the minute book, in which there was still a good deal of space, and for five years he made use of this for the registration of copies, fines, apprentices, &c., besides continuing to use the volume for its original purpose. By July 1576, however, the book was full, and a new one had to be provided.[1] In this the records were carried on in the same manner as during the previous five years. It is lettered 'Lib[er] B', and is now known as Register B, though in fact it comprises what is in effect Court Book B as well. When this volume in turn was full the records were split up and a number of separate series started. But the several sections did not all close down at the same date.[2] As a register of copies the volume was in use down to July 1595, when Register C was begun. This is the first volume to which the term Register quite strictly applies: it is lettered 'Entry Booke of Copies—Liber C'.[3] As a minute book the old volume was used almost to the end of 1602, when Court Book C begins—the earliest separate Court Book extant. For certain other records it continued to be used for a few years longer. The records of apprentices, freemen, fines, and

[1] It cost 6*s*., as we learn from the accounts of 1576–7, where it appears as 'a booke of entrances for the clarke' (Arber, i. 475).

[2] After the title-page 16 folios were left for occasional notes. Then (fol. 17) 117 folios were allowed for the enrolment of apprentices: next (fol. 134) 185 folios for the entrance of copies: next (fol. 319) 85 folios for 'freemen admitted': next (fol. 404) 11 folios for 'fynes for breakinge of orders': next (fol. 415) 12 folios for 'Admitting of men into the Liuerie': finally (fol. 427) 61 folios for 'Decrees and Ordonnances' together with such miscellaneous notes as it might be found convenient to enter at the end of the volume. The first section to get filled was that allotted to fines. By Jan. 1594 there was no more room, but the preceding section (freemen) was not yet full, so the scribe turned back to fol. 393 and borrowed 10 folios to continue his record of fines. Just over a year later, on 10 Mar. 1595, the section allotted to the register of copies was full, and the scribe borrowed 4 folios from the preceding section (apprentices). When the volume was finally abandoned there remained 40 folios still blank at the end of the section devoted to freemen and 6 at the end of that allowed for the Livery.

[3] Its purchase appears in the accounts for 1594–5, where 12*s*. was 'paid to Mr Man for two paper bookes the one to be kepte for Mr Nortons legacie &c and the other for the entrance of copies' (Arber, i. 572). Respecting Norton's legacy see p. xlix.

clothings, all go down to June or July 1605. The separate registers of apprentices and of freemen begin in July 1605, that of fines in Aug. 1605, that of Livery in June 1606 (*Library*, vi. 349 ff.). I may mention that no Wardens' accounts appear to be preserved between the close of Register A in July 1596 and the beginning of a new series in 1663. At what period occurred the loss of Court Book A (the original Clerk's Book) we do not know,[1] but it is to this accident that must be ascribed, not only the absence of the Court records previous to July 1576, but also the five years' gap in the entrances of copies and other detailed receipts.

I ought to add that the transition from the Court records of Register B to those of Court Book C is not quite clean. There was certainly a Court held on 6 Sept. 1602 and possibly another on 17 Sept., when a dispute between Stationers was considered, and the minutes of the proceedings are in Register B. The next and last record of what was presumably a Court is dated 6 Dec.: the entries of various dates in 1603 that follow are evidently miscellaneous notes, not minutes at all. But Court Book C, the title-page of which is dated 1 Nov. 1602, opens with the minutes of a Court of 29 Oct., and these are followed by those of another on 13 Dec. There is then a slight overlap between the volumes. It is evident that the minutes of 6 Dec. were entered, inadvertently perhaps, in the old book after the new book had been begun. This is borne out by the fact that in the margin opposite the record of 6 Dec. are written the words 'Verte ad ali[um] Librum', as a warning against further confusion.

The Clerk of the Company

It may be convenient here to say a few words about the Clerk who kept these records.[2] The first regular Clerk of the Company whose name has come down to us was George Wapull, who received 30*s.* for three quarters' wages from Michaelmas 1571 to Midsummer 1572 (Arber, i. 460; cf. 465). His assumption of office thus follows shortly upon and was possibly a consequence rather than a cause of the alteration in the methods of account in the previous July. He held the post for three and a half years only, when his successor was appointed.

[1] It is natural to suppose that this volume had somehow got separated from its fellows and was thus overlooked when the others were rescued at the time of the fire of London. Arber, on the other hand, blames the Clerk, George Wapull, for the loss (i. 460, ii. 12). But his successor, Richard Collins, 'tooke charge' more than a year before the beginning of Register B (ii. 35, and below, p. xi).

[2] According to the Ordinances of 1678 (*ut sup.*) the election and dismissal of the Clerk lay with the Court of Assistants. His duties are, somewhat vaguely, defined, and his oath appended (Arber, i. 12, 18).

Nothing certain is known of him for the next ten years, but since his name was an unusual one it is reasonable enough to suppose that he was the George Wapull whose moral play *The Tide Tarrieth no Man* was printed in 1576. Then on 2 Feb. 1585 we find a grant of 10s. 'to further him in his voiage which he purposeth into Norenbegue', with the cautious proviso that 'Yf he goo not in that voiage he is to restore the monny' (p. 17). The sum was duly paid by the Wardens, and there seems no evidence of its having been recovered (Arber, i. 509). Norumbega was a division of Canada lying between Nova Scotia and Virginia, and Arber conjectures that he may have sailed on the second Virginian expedition, sent out by Ralegh in April 1585.

Wapull's successor in the Clerkship was Richard Collins. He took up his duties more than a year before Court Book A was finished, but it was Register B that he regarded as his special property, his own particular Clerk's Book. He opens it with a personal flourish on the second leaf:

> M^{d} that I was sworne and admitted and tooke charge of the clarkship of the art or misterie of Stationers of the citye of London the xxxth of may 1575 A^{o} xvij^{o} Rie. Elizabethe.
> And changinge the copie of my freedome was transferred from the cumpanie of goldsmithes to the said cumpanie of Stationers the xxiiijth day of october in the yeres abouesaid.
>
> Richarde Collins.
>
> My charge is to enter as foloweth. viz.
> Presentmentes of prentizes
> Lycences for pryntinge of copies
> Admissions of brethren and freemen
> Fynes for breakinge of orders
> Decrees and ordonnances
> Admyttinge of men into the Lyvery
>
> [the folio references are added.]

We are not fully informed as to his wages, for they do not appear to have been paid out of the Wardens' account, though he sometimes received grants from that source 'for certen extraordenarye thinges wrytten' (Arber, i. 500, 504, 510).[1] Throughout the period of Register B he was in office, but before the

[1] From an entry of 17 Jan. 1599 (p. 67) we gather that he at one time received £4 a year, but that this either ceased or was reduced on his being allowed quarters in the Hall. From the date mentioned he was to have the £4 again in addition to his lodging. He may have received fees from Assistants and Liverymen on election, as provided in the Ordinances of 1678 (Arber, i. 9–10). Wapull's wages were £2 a year (Arber, i. 465). He was paid out of the Wardens' account in 1572 and 1573, but not in 1574 or 1575, unless Arber omitted the items, which is possible.

end he was getting on in years, and those about him would not have been Elizabethans if they had not intrigued for the succession. The first aspirant was Thomas Purfoot junior, son of one of the original Stationers incorporated in 1557. On 22 June 1584 young Purfoot was bound apprentice to Collins for seven years (Arber, ii. 125), but on 8 Oct. 1590, nine months before his time was up, he was admitted freeman 'per patronagium', being presented by his father and not by Collins (Arber, ii. 708).[1] On 6 Dec. 1591, at the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury,[2] it was agreed that upon the death of his father he should be 'admitted to be a printer', that is a master printer, in his place (p. 39).[3] Next he applied for the reversion of the Clerkship, and on 6 May 1592 it was granted him by the Court 'with the accustomed alowances thereunto, assoone as the same shall first fall voyd', provided he were 'found fytt to serue the place' (p. 41). However, by 3 Dec. 1599 the Court saw reason to alter its decision. Having 'considered of Thomas Purfoote the younger' it observed that 'for certen yeres he hathe left his former trade and betaken hym self to another vocacion' and that there was 'founde a great disorder and obstinacie in hym in breakinge thordonnance of the Companie', and he was consequently judged 'to be an vnfytt person to haue the said office at any tyme' (p. 75). This is interesting since it has always been supposed that during these years he was in regular partnership with his father, to whose business he duly succeeded: he subsequently served the Wardenships. The reversion of the Clerkship having thus fallen vacant, no Stationer seems to have desired it. But it was not without lure for outsiders, and it attracted the notice of one Edward Ledsham, a servant of the Bishop of London, who may

[1] Freedom was ordinarily attained in one of three ways (Arber, i. xxxix): by apprenticeship (the usual method), by patrimony or inheritance (*per patrimonium*), or by redemption or purchase (*per redemptionem*). It appears from neighbouring entries that in the present instance 'per patronagium' is a variant or error for 'per patrimonium'. In the later unpublished register of admissions to the freedom, beginning in 1605, we occasionally find the term *per translationem*, presumably implying transfer from some other Company.

[2] Of course, the Archbishop's 'motion and request' was in fact an order, since the allowance of a master printer virtually rested with him, as we shall see later (p. xli).

[3] A list of master printers drawn up in 1634 (Arber, iii. 700) gives this as the date of his admission; but this is an error, for it is clear that all he secured on the present occasion was a reversion 'vppon the deceas' of his father, and this did not take place till 1615, unless there has been a confusion of persons. The list was apparently drawn up by Sir John Lambe, Dean of the Arches, and presents several peculiar features. A collection of his notes, which were made with a view to securing further ecclesiastical control over the press, is printed from the State Papers by Arber (iii. 690, 700–4). The list in which Purfoot's name occurs purports to be 'A note of the Master Printers now liueing as are found registered in the hall Booke', so the minute in question may well be the source of Lambe's statement, and we have other evidence that he was not always accurate in reproducing his sources (see below, p. lxiii).

be supposed to have been in touch with the Company over the licensing of books. Armed with letters of recommendation both from his own master and the Archbishop, he extracted from the Court on 6 Sept. 1602 a rather guarded grant of 'the next Reuercion of the clerkship . . . provyded alwaies that he shall in the meane space procure him self to be made a freman of this Company and of the citie and that he be of good behavior and found fitt for the place when yt shall fall voyd, and shall execute yt him self without makinge any deputacion or lettinge or setting any thinge thereunto belonginge' (p. 91). It is clear that the Court was not free from misgiving as to the ecclesiastical candidate. But it need not have been afraid. Although Ledsham was admitted freeman on 27 Feb. 1604 (Arber, ii. 736), the reigning Clerk was not yet in his grave, and it is possible to imagine a note of triumph in the laconic words appended to the grant: 'Mr Ledsham died before Mr Collins'. This is the last we hear of the Clerk in Register B, except for a memorandum (6 Dec. 1602) confirming his use of the 'Coumpting house in the hall' (p. 92), but no doubt when we come to examine Court Book C we shall be able to follow the remainder of his career. He lived in fact for another ten years.[1]

The Court

Since they are records of the spacious but unmethodical days of Elizabeth, I need hardly say that the Decrees and Ordinances contain all sorts of matters that one would never dream of looking for, and at the same time omit many that one thought one had a right to expect. And to begin with it will be well to remember that they occur in the Clerk's Book, and it is therefore not surprising that among the regular minutes there frequently appear entries which can hardly be anything but memoranda of the business of the Clerk. They are frequently notes of payments or receipts, such for instance as the sums disbursed to Lant and the Lord Mayor's officer on 1 and 2 Mar. 1585 (p. 17), and the frequent letting of the Hall for Wardmote inquests,[2] a practice that continues to this day. These are merely of the nature of day-book jottings; the sums appear, or should appear, in the regular accounts as well. Whether the entries were made on the Clerk's own responsibility is not certain, for it is possible, and on the face of it probable, that the Officers of the Company met to transact current business more frequently than the Court.

Indeed one of the things about which the records leave us guessing is exactly what a Court was, or rather who attended it. The Court proper—a 'full'

[1] He died in 1613 and was succeeded by Thomas Mountforte, on whose death in 1630 Henry Walley became Clerk (Arber, i. xliv).

[2] At the time the ward was that of Castle Baynard.

Court, *plena Curia*—evidently consisted of the Master, two Wardens, and the Assistants, together of course with the Clerk, and these were expected to attend. This is what is known as the Court of Assistants. A minute of 30 Sept. 1589 (p. 33) seems to imply that the Livery could attend the Court at will, but it also seems to imply that a separate record was kept of their attendance, and of this I can find no trace.[1] At first the Clerk made no attempt to record the names of those present, contenting himself with an occasional vague reference to the 'master wardens and assistantes' (e.g. pp. 1, 10). But on 2 July 1580 an important decision respecting the election of the Wardens was taken and the minute authenticated by the autograph signatures of those present, beginning with the Master and Wardens (p. 11). This might have suggested the desirability of a record of attendances, but as a matter of fact more than four years elapsed before the Clerk supplied such a list (p. 16). After this he did so frequently though by no means regularly. This might be due to inadvertence, or it might mean that a 'Court' for which no list is provided was not a 'full' Court at all but was attended only by the Master and Wardens. Evidently the former is the true explanation, for on quarter-day, 16 April 1599, 'a full Court of Assistentes assembled' though no list is given (p. 70), and there are several other instances of a 'court of assistentes' (p. 30) or a 'full Court' (p. 38) the members of which are unspecified: once we are told that there were 'present the master and wardens, with 7 assistentes' (p. 30).[2] On the other hand, the Master and Wardens alone had charge of some matters, in particular of certain benevolences, and on one occasion when such a grant was in question we find a specific note: 'Actum per magistrum et Custodes' (p. 72), though this would not necessarily exclude the presence of Assistants. However, the entry of 16 Apr. 1599, already mentioned, is very significant in this respect. For below the date we first have an order appointing one Walter Dight to some unspecified office under the Wardens, and then, on the same page, a repetition of the date and a further entry beginning: 'This day being quarter day and a full Court of Assistentes assembled and kepinge Court . . .' (p. 70). The natural inference is that the first part of the proceedings took place before the Officers of the Company alone, and that it was only after this had been transacted that the full Court assembled.[3] It seems likely, therefore, though the

[1] The Ordinances of 1678 (*ut sup.*, p. vii) provide that on the occasion of the four Quarter Day Courts, when the Orders and Ordinances of the Society were publicly read, the Master and Wardens should have power to demand the attendance of any members of the Company they thought fit (Arber, i. 6). The question of attendances is further considered below (pp. xvi–xvii).

[2] On one occasion the list of those present was inadvertently entered in the register of fines (Arber, ii. 827) instead of in the minutes (p. 58).

[3] I confess to a slight hesitation in making the inference, for the preamble to the later minute

evidence falls short of proof, that a number of other benevolences granted and small matters of business dispatched were the acts of the Master and Wardens by themselves. I think, however, that the word 'Court' always implies a full Court of Assistants.

Of course parties to disputes coming up for decision of the Court would be present, though they were sometimes required to wait outside while their cause was debated (p. 82). Their names were as a rule entered in the margin, but not among the members of the Court. On one occasion we find a long list of 'Complainantes' (6) and 'Defendantes' (7) entered as 'Present and complayning'; the proceedings, however, do not appear to have been at a Court, but probably took place before the Master and Wardens only, for the dispute, the nature of which is not revealed, was referred 'to thorder of the master and Wardens with a court of Assistants' (p. 91). Similarly matters touching privileges were usually discussed in the presence of some at least of the partners therein, as on 18 Mar. 1594, 'many of the parteners in Mr Seres and Mr Dayes preuileges beinge present': the list appended includes seventeen names, and is kept distinct from the list of those attending the Court, though seven out of the nine members of the Court appear in it (p. 48). And on two other occasions, namely 16 Apr. 1599 and 19 Dec. 1603, the presence of partners is recorded when their privileges were being discussed (pp. 70, 94).[1]

It is, moreover, evident that on special occasions either other persons attended what was still technically a Court of Assistants, or else a more general meeting was summoned the minutes of which were nevertheless entered in the Court Book. For on 11 Dec. 1587, when certain weighty technical matters, such as standing type and the size of impressions, came up for discussion, the Clerk, after entering the names of the Master, Wardens, and six others whom he specified as 'Assistentes', added: 'The greateste parte of the printers and Iornie men beinge presente' (p. 25). And similarly when at a Court ten years earlier a petition from the binders was in debate, the preamble to the minute notes: 'the bookebinders beinge present and shewinge their griefes', besides recording the presence of 'the rest of the liuerie' (p. 3). We also find the names of twelve stationers given under the date 4 June 1599 as 'present at the

continues: 'and the parteners in the priuileges of William Seres and Richard Day beinge there also present'. It may have been the participation of the partners rather than the Assistants that suggested the more formal style of record.

[1] On 7 Apr. 1595, at a Court of which the members are unrecorded, we are given instead a list of ten 'Parteners in the book of martyrs' with their respective shares (p. 51, and cf. p. lxviii). And again on 6 Dec. 1602 we find a list of eleven partners (two holding a single share between them) in Matthew Sutcliffe's book against Bellarmine and the Real Presence (p. 92). But in these cases nothing is said as to the partners being present.

publishing of the order of my lordes grace [the Archbishop] and my lord of London gyven to the master and wardens primo istius Iunij' concerning books to be burnt, but it is not stated that the proceedings took place at a Court (p. 72).

In these cases, though persons other than Assistants were evidently present, there is no confusion between them and the regular members of the Court. In some other instances, however, the names of persons who were present at a Court but were not Assistants do seem to have found their way among the latter.[1] For example, on 12 Oct. 1591 the names of those present include, as the last three, Bing, Ponsonby, and Edward White, who were not Assistants at the time (p. 39).[2] They were, however, partners in Day's privileges (p. 48), and it was the affairs of the partners that were in question at the time, while closer examination suggests that this was not strictly a Court of Assistants at all, but a meeting between the officers of the Company and the partners in the privileges.[3] But it shows that we have got to be careful how we interpret these attendance lists, and that we cannot safely assume that when a name appears it is in fact that of an Assistant unless it occurs repeatedly.[4] It will be well to examine the anomalous cases. And in the first place it should be observed that in the lists of those present the names of the Master and Wardens are regularly so distinguished, but that as a rule no designation is applied to the rest. I only note two occasions on which they are actually specified as Assistants, namely on 11 Dec. 1587, when we are particularly told that many others were present as well (p. 25), and on 16 Apr. 1604, when the list is probably not intended as indicating attendance at all, but gives a complete list of members of the Court at the date in question (p. 63). I may mention that the Clerk, Richard Collins, never included his own name in the list of those present until he had been chosen Assistant on 3 Aug. 1590 (p. 35), after which it almost always appears. Some doubtful cases prove on investigation

[1] To-day two Liverymen are chosen to sit with the Court of Assistants, but this is a quite recent innovation.

[2] Isaac Bing was elected Assistant on 26 Mar. 1594 (p. 49), and William Ponsonby on 6 May 1597 (p. 58). We have no note of White's election to the Court, but he was in election for Renter on 26 Mar. 1595 (p. 50), and the Renters were not normally Assistants (p. 49, and cf. p. xxiv below).

[3] In the original there is a brace intended probably to bracket all the names after those of the Master and Wardens. There are a few other instances more or less similar, and it may have no special significance; at the same time it should be observed that all nine bracketed names appear in the list of the partners in Day's and Seres's privileges on p. 48, though the first six were also Assistants. The Master, Coldock, was also a partner, but neither of the Wardens, Conway and Allen, appears to have been.

[4] It has been necessary in the Index to class all such attendances as those of Assistants, but isolated appearances have been marked with a query and must be regarded with suspicion.

to be quite correct: such is the solitary appearance of Dewce on 25 July 1586 (p. 19), for he was subsequently removed for non-attendance (p. 33), and likewise that of East on 16 Apr. 1604 (p. 63), an isolated record some months later than the close of the consecutive series preserved in the volume. An interesting case is that of Richard Grafton, Counsel to the Company. He was not, of course, a regular member of the Court, but when for once he attended on 4 Mar. 1588, his name not only appears in the list but takes precedence even of that of the Master (p. 26).[1] The other cases in question are as follows: Hooper and Waterson attended on 1 July 1600 (p. 77), though they were not chosen Assistants till the following January (p. 84). The business in hand was the election of a Warden. So it was on an earlier occasion when Purfoot and Stirrop put in an appearance (p. 24). Purfoot was one of the original members of the Company, but seems to have taken little part in its affairs: Stirrop only began his regular attendances in 1593 (p. 47). A similar appearance of Cawood on 3 July 1585 (p. 17), whereas his regular attendances only began in 1591 (p. 39), was also on election day, though it is not the business of election that is recorded in the minutes. The same Court was also attended by Peter Conway, who does not appear elsewhere in the minutes, but who was in fact Renter at the time, and therefore certainly not an Assistant. Evidently therefore anomalous attendances are to be explained on the assumption that members of the Company other than Assistants sometimes sat with the Court for the election of officers.[2] The importance of this conclusion will appear shortly, when we come to discuss the elections further (pp. xxv, xxix).

It is clear, however, that quite apart from the question of such exceptional appearances, the attendance lists are not always trustworthy. Thus, on 7 Aug. 1592 Bishop is entered among the Assistants, though he was Master at the time and present as such (p. 42). The same thing happened on 26 Mar. 1594, Bishop appearing both as Master and Assistant, and Newbery twice over as an Assistant (p. 48). On the other hand, what at first sight looks like the worst confusion of all proves capable of explanation. In a minute of 1 July 1600 the Officers are given as Bishop, Master, and Dawson and Windet, Wardens (p. 77). Now the officers for the previous year had been Cawood, Man, and Windet; those for the ensuing year were Bishop, Dawson, and White. The explanation is that the officers elected had been Bishop, Dawson, and

[1] The minutes of this Court, with the exception of the last paragraph, are in a different handwriting, which may therefore be that of Grafton himself or of a clerk he brought with him.

[2] This is borne out by Greene's fine for non-attendance on 11 Sept. 1587 (see p. xxvii). Nor was it only at the election of the Master and Wardens that outsiders were present. On 26 Mar. 1593 Man was fined 12*d.* (subsequently remitted) 'for commynge late on the election day of the renter' (Arber, ii. 864) though he was not elected Assistant till 12 May 1594.

Askew, but that the last named had refused to serve as Under Warden, and at this very Court was fined for his refusal. Windet, therefore, the Under Warden for the previous year, had to retain his place till relieved by the election of White, whose name duly appears in the list of new officers under the date 3 July.[1] It is true that these proceedings did apparently upset the Clerk, for in the minute of the very next meeting, that of 7 July, he gives the name of the Upper Warden as Man instead of Dawson (p. 78). This, so far as I can see, can only be an error.

To judge from the present records the Courts seem to have been held at very irregular intervals, but on the whole they become more frequent as time goes on. Sometimes there are two within a week, more generally perhaps one a month, while two-month intervals are common. But the records are clearly incomplete. There are no entries whatever between 12 Sept. 1580 and 17 July 1581 (p. 11), though nothing is lost from the volume: the gap occurs in the middle of a page.[2] Another gap from 23 Apr. to 3 Dec. 1593 (pp. 46–7), which does occur between two leaves, is easily accounted for by the prevalence of the plague, though it is remarkable that there is no direct reference to the subject throughout these records.[3] There was no fixed day for holding the Court: the favourite day seems to have been Monday, but every day of the week occurs, and it is noteworthy that Courts appear to have been quite frequently held on Sundays.[4]

[1] I am not at all clear as to why the other retiring officers did not retain their seats on 1 July. Though the elections seem to have been held in June or the beginning of July, the new officers did not as a rule assume office till some later date in the first fortnight of July. I shall have to return to the question later (p. xxvi).

[2] This does not perhaps altogether exclude the possibility of loss, if, as I suspect, minutes were sometimes written on loose sheets when for some reason the Clerk's Book was not available. Folio 458* is not a leaf overlooked in the original numeration, but seems to be actually inserted, for it is somewhat narrower than the rest. It contains minutes of 26 Mar. to 12 May 1594. Curiously enough these dates correspond roughly with those of the displaced entrances of copies (fols. 130–3) made just before the volume was abandoned for that purpose. I cannot, however, see any significance in the fact. There is no break in the presentation of apprentices.

[3] The Company lost two of its officers in the course of the year 1593–4, namely William Norton, Master, between 3 and 13 Dec., and Thomas Woodcock, Under Warden, on 22 Apr., but it is not known whether they died of the plague.

[4] A number of Courts not mentioned in the minutes are actually specified as such in the register of fines (Arber, ii. 843–64, 821–41). And it is further evident that even when no mention is made of a Court the imposition of a fine (sometimes even committal to ward) must imply one. From these and other sources, such as admissions to the freedom and Livery, it should be possible to put together something approaching a complete list of Courts held. It is also possible that there was a regular day for the holding of Courts, though they were certainly held at other times as well. Thus on 1 Feb. 1580 several men were fined 'for absence this day being the first monday of the moneth and court daie' (Arber, ii. 851). There seems no point in this entry unless

As we read the confused mass of minutes and memoranda we become aware of a double thread of interest running through it. On the one hand there is light cast by the routine work of the Court upon its own procedure and the organization of the Company. On the other hand there is the interest of the individual transactions, the books and persons that occupy the attention of the Court. While it is quite impossible within the limits of this Introduction to attempt anything like a commentary upon the records here for the first time published, I think it may help to introduce some appearance of order into

the first Monday of each month was the regular day for the Court to meet. The following are the dates on which the register of fines actually states that a Court was held:

1577 June 20.
1578 June 28, Election day.
Aug. 18.
Aug. (? Sept.) 2, cf. p. 7.
Sept. 20, see p. 8.
Oct. 7.
Nov. 3.
Dec. 1.
1579 Aug. 3.
1580 Feb. 1.
1583 Feb. 24.
1589 May 12, list of those present.
1590 Apr. 27.
1595 Sept. 1, orders respecting Roberts and Venge.
Dec. 3, order respecting Jeffes.
1597 June 6, list of those present, see p. 58.
1599 July 1, Election day (?).

The records in the register of fines are far from being a bare list of receipts: they include in many cases not only specific mention of the offence, titles of books printed without licence or sold contrary to orders, and so forth, but quite elaborate decisions of the Court which are only entered here because they incidentally involve a fine. Thus they differ in no way from many of the decisions recorded in the minutes. A good instance is the elaborate order laid down on 28 Jan. 1583 for the guidance of Walley, Charlewood, and Tottell in the matter of 'a booke of presidentes' in connexion with which the first was fined 13*s.* 4*d.* (Arber, ii. 854). It becomes evident that, to start with at any rate, there was no attempt to keep the minutes of the Court in any orderly fashion, but that the decisions were entered directly into whatever section of the Register seemed appropriate. Thus to gather together all the evidence of the activity of the Court one would require to re-edit at least the record of fines, and possibly other sections of the Register as well. At the same time, that the section of Decrees and Ordinances came to be regarded as the regular Court Book is clear from the fact that it was here that the lists of those attending the Court were regularly entered. It is very rare to find such a list entered not in the Decrees and Ordinances but in the register of fines as on 12 May 1589 (Arber, ii. 860), and it can hardly be considered other than a mistake.

Again, it is only as mistakes that we can regard certain orders that have been entered among the fines though no fines were in fact involved. They should, so far as one can see, have been recorded among the other decrees of the Court, and I therefore transcribe them here:

primo Sept^{r} [1595]

Iames Robertε — yt is ordered that Iames Robertε shall clerely from hensforth surcease to deale wth the printinge of the brief catechisme wth the A. B. C. letany and other thingε inserted whiche he hath lately printed in this yere 1595 contrary to her maiesties prohibicõn and thorders of this Company, And also that he shall presently bringe into the hall all such leaues of the seid booke as he hath nowe in his handε ready printed / to be

what cannot really be other than a collection of disorderly jottings, if I try to follow these two threads of interest more or less separately, dealing first with the general routine of the Company's business, and then touching upon a few of the most salient matters that come up for individual decision. At

ordered and Disposed as the next Court shall Determine. To whose order there in and to this order also. he submytteth him self agreynge to ꝑforme the same /

by me Iames Robartꝫ

Edward [*Walter*] Venge — yt is ordered that [*Walter*] [Edward] venge shall presently bringe into the hall all suche leaves as are printed of the second Impression of the Catechisme abouesaid / to be ordered and disposed as the next court shall determine / And that he shall neuer hereafter meddle wth the printinge sellinge bynding or stytchinge of the same or any ꝑte thereof / Also he agreeth to ꝑforme this order and the order that the next court shall sett downe herein.

by me Edward ving

[Register B, fol. 394^{b}]

iij°. Die Decembris 1595 / Anno
38 R· Elizabethe

Abell Ieffꝭ / — Whereas Abell Ieffꝭ hathe disorderlie wthout Aucthoritie and contrarie to the Decrees of the starre chamber. printed a lewde booke called the most strange prophecie of Docto^{r} Cipriano &cꝫ and diuerse other lewde balladꝭ and thingꝭ verye offensive / Yt is therefore ordered, at a court holden the Daye and yeere abouesaid, That his presse and letters and other printinge stuffe which were seised and broughte to the hall for the said offenses Viz, one presse / xij paire of Cases; and certen fourms of letters shalbe defaced and made Vnserviceable for printinge /

[Register B, fol. 395^{a}]

The following, too, seems to be a fragment of the Decrees that has gone astray among the admissions to the Livery:

M^{r}. Goneld m^{r}
M^{r} Barker.
M^{r} h. Coñeway } wardens / 1585

22 Iulij.

Tho Chard. — Thomas Chard is dispensid wthall till bartilmewtide next to pay the xiij^{li} viij^{s} to thuse of the house / At which day he hathe ꝑmised faythfully to make paym^{t} thereof wthout further delaye / (*i.e. on 24 Aug.*)

m^{r} coñeyway w^{r}den
m^{r} myddleton — At a court of adsistantꝫ holden this daie & vpon the Request of m^{r} Coñeywey warden / m^{r} henry myddleton for diu^{r}se causes is elected & appointed to supplie the steede & place of m^{r} Coñewey alwaies in his absence and as m^{r} barker elderwarden shall thinke meete & finde necessary occasion And that in all assemblies & metingꝫ of the cũpanie m^{r} Coñewey being absent: m^{r} myddleton as his deputie shall sitt in his place as Representinge his ꝑson and degree in his office /

4to Iulij 1590. 23 Eliz

(*no entry*)

[Register B, fol. 416^{a}]

the same time the two strands are of course interwoven in a manner that defies all attempt at logical distinction, and I shall make no pretence of keeping them rigidly apart.

Elections—Livery

One of the things concerning which we might expect to find detailed information is the election of the officers of the Company, the choosing of Assistants, admission to the Livery, and the like. But in point of fact all this has left very little trace in the minutes. There were in some cases special registers in which the admissions and elections were recorded. Take the Livery first. There is only one entry of admissions, namely on 15 May 1598: 'By this full Court of Assistentes holden this day, these are chosen to be of the lyuerie of this Companye' (p. 60). This clearly implies that the choosing of the Livery was a function of the Court, and yet there is no other minute of an election between 1576 and 1603.[1] There follows a list of thirteen names and the not very lucid reference: 'See in this booke in thadmission of fremen these and others fremen this yere admitted into the liuerie and sworne accordingly'. If election lay with the Court, why 'and others'? Turning to the appropriate section of the Clerk's book ('Admitting of men into the Lyuerie') we find that the actual admissions took place as usual at the beginning of July, a month and a half after the election, and that they number not thirteen but eighteen (Arber, ii. 872–3). This is a very unusual number—there had indeed been only two admissions since 1594—and together with the fact that the fee was raised from £1 to £2 on the occasion, seems to point to some change in the organization. No doubt this explains why the election was formally recorded. On other

[1] In the Ordinances of 1678 it is explicitly laid down that election and admission to the Livery lay with the Court of Assistants. The Court might meet where and as often as it pleased and admit any person or persons free of the Society whom it thought fit. On admission the candidate was clothed with the Livery gown by the Beadle, and the Master himself placed on his shoulders the parti-coloured hood. These are, of course, the 'lyuerie gowne and hoode' mentioned on p. 91. In 1678 the fee for admission was £20, with additional fees of 10*s.* to the Clerk and 5*s.* to the Beadle. The fine for refusal was £40. It was also provided that the Livery should meet from time to time as appointed by the Master and Wardens and upon summons by the Beadle. The fine for non-attendance was 1*s.* (Arber, i. 10–1). For a hundred years the City franchise, in the election of the Mayor, had belonged to the Liverymen as distinct from the freemen or Yeomanry (C. L. Kingsford, *Prejudice and Promise in Fifteenth-Century England*, 1925, p. 109). The right of clothing was apparently at this time confined to companies incorporated by royal charter, but though the Stationers obtained their Charter in 1557 their creation as a livery company by the Lord Mayor dated from 1 Feb. 1560, when the Livery was 'new begonne and revyued agayne in the colors of skerlett and browne blew' (Arber, i. 138). At a later date (1619) the livery gown was decently faced with fur (Arber, iii. 20). From 1560 to 1596 sixty-three freemen were clothed, and in 1619 the number of the Livery is said to have been forty-nine (Arber, i. xliii).

occasions, before and after, record was presumably made directly in the register of admissions without notice in the minutes.

We cannot, therefore, assume that because elections find no record in the Court Book they did not occupy the attention of the Court. It would, indeed, be an error to suppose that the records we have here were ever intended to furnish a complete account of the activities of the Court. It must not be forgotten that the present section of the Clerk's Book is headed 'Decrees and Ordonnances' and that these were what the Clerk held it his 'charge' to enter (cf. p. xi). They were the decisions of the Court in matters affecting the regulation of the craft and disputes between members, and though it is true that all manner of other business finds incidental mention in these pages, there would be no ostensible need to record routine business which would be regularly registered elsewhere.

Election of Assistants

It is well to bear this in mind when we come to consider the records of the election of Assistants, that is of members of the Court itself, for at first sight these appear singularly defective. To-day Assistants are elected by the Court, and it is probable that they have always been thus co-opted from the Livery (Arber, i. xliv).[1] But of the thirty-four persons who appear to have acted as Assistants during the period under review,[2] only twelve are recorded as having been elected. No doubt some became Assistants at an earlier date, but there is reason to believe that at least twenty must have been chosen after 1585 when the regular attendance lists begin. The earliest election of which we have record was on 3 Aug. 1590. The record occurs in the minutes of a regular Court, but consists merely of the laconic note: 'Thomas Woodcocke and Richard Collins are chosen to be Assistantes in this Companye' (p. 35). Several further elections followed in the spring of 1594. The entry of 26 Mar., 'Mr Isaak Binge at this Court is chosen to be one of the Assistentes of the Companye' (p. 49), implies that election lay with the Court. The same appears even more clearly when, at Courts held on 9 Apr. and 12 May, Walley and Barker and Dawson and Man were respectively chosen 'by pluralytie of voyces' (p. 49). Two more, Ponsonby and Bonham Norton, were chosen on 6 May 1597 without mention of a Court (p. 58). The most specific entry is the last, recording that in Jan. 1602 'Mr Symon Waterson, Mr Humfrey Hooper and Mr Iohn

[1] It is certainly so laid down in the Ordinances of 1678. On election they paid fees of 10*s*. to the Clerk and 5*s*. to the Beadle (Arber, i. 9).

[2] Thirty-eight are named as attending, but for reasons already mentioned I exclude Grafton, Purfoot, East, and Peter Conway (see p. xvii).

Norton are chosen by a full Court holden this day being quarterday, to be of Thassistentes of this Company and thordonnance red vnto them concerning thattendance in that place' (p. 84).[1] There is then no doubt that the Court elected its own Assistants. Now between the minutes of 1590 and 1594 just quoted, three Assistants, namely Allen, Cawood, and Stirrop, began their regular attendances, though there is no trace of their having been elected. And this clearly suggests the explanation. For Cawood, Allen, and Stirrop became Under Warden in 1590, 1591, and 1592 respectively, and it is reasonable to suppose that past officers remained members of the Court, since it accounts for nearly all the anomalous cases.[2] We have seen that of thirty-four members attending as Assistants only twelve are known to have been elected. Eighteen of the remainder can be explained as *ex officio* members. Four cases, however, prove recalcitrant. Howe was one of the most regular attendants from 1585 to 1600, his name appearing thirty-four times, but though he was in election for Under Warden on Middleton's death in 1587 (p. 25), he never actually held office. Also we find Conway, Denham, and Middleton all in attendance at the beginning of our records in 1584–5, though Conway was first elected Under Warden in 1585, Denham in 1586, and Middleton in 1587. We might suppose that these four were already Assistants when our minutes begin in 1576, were it not for the fact that Conway was Renter in 1578, Denham in 1581, Howe in 1582, and Middleton in 1583, and at those dates were therefore presumably not members of the Court (see below, p. xxiv). I can only suppose that in this respect the earlier minutes of the Court are in fact incomplete, and that it was only after Collins began his record of attendances in 1584–5 that he thought it necessary also to mention elections.[3]

Election of Renters

We find the same sort of thing when we turn our attention to the Renters or Renter Wardens. In Latin these were known as *Collectores*; they were the minor fiscal officers of the Company, and their duties included the collection

[1] I find nothing specific as to the attendance of Assistants in the Ordinances of 1678: their admission oath is given at the end (Arber, i. 19).

[2] There is indeed direct evidence that this was so in an entry concerning Richard Greene (p. 27), though the wording is a little obscure and needs some interpreting (see pp. xxxii-xxxiii).

[3] The facts considered above furnish ground for a rather important inference. We find that in the thirteen years from 1590 (that of the earliest recorded election) to 1603, while twelve men were elected Assistants, six became Assistants *ex officio*. Thus in its election to the office of Under Warden the Court by no means confined its choice to its own members; about half the elections were of persons outside.

of fines and quarterage, the quarterly contribution due from every member.[1] They were chosen from outside the Court, and their duties were held to be inconsistent with the position of Assistant. Nevertheless, an Assistant, if he had not already served the Rentership, was technically liable to election, and if elected could be fined for not serving.[2] To these fines, which as dispensations carried with them some profit as well as loss, we shall return in a moment. In 1678 we know that the Renters were elected by the Court of Assistants (Arber, i. 11–2), and there is little reason to suppose that the procedure had been altered in the course of the preceding century.[3] Nevertheless, in the Court records before us we only find record of four effective elections of Renters. The first and fullest is in 1595 in connexion with a Court held on 26 Mar., the regular day for the election,[4] when 'There was in election for Renter, Mr Robert Barker, Edward White, and Gregorie Seaton, and the election fell vppon Mr Barker by most voyces' (p. 50). It would seem, then, that election lay with the Court. But Barker was already an Assistant (as the prefix 'Mr' perhaps indicates), and two prominent members of the Court, Bishop a past-Master and Newbery a past-Warden, 'signified to the Court . . . that by reason of his place [as Assistant] he cannot in person conveniently serue that place [of Renter] himself'. So Barker was fined—how much is not recorded though it was left to 'the discretion of the table'—and 'Afterwardes likewise by most voyces Mr Bonham Norton was elected Renter, whoe was

[1] Arber describes quarterage as 'the ordinary quarterly contribution of a groat by each member of the Company' (i. xix). In 1678 the Yeomanry or freemen paid 4*d*. (a groat) a head, the Livery 6*d*., the Assistants, Master, and Wardens 8*d*. a quarter. On refusal or delay the levy was doubled (Arber, i. 6). There are many references to arrears of quarterage in the minutes. On one occasion, when Richard Palmer paid 5*s*. on 3 Sept. 1599, there is entered in the margin the name, not of Palmer, but of Thomas Coley, who is known to have been his apprentice (p. 74). This might suggest the erroneous inference that quarterage was paid in respect of apprentices. Evidently the correct explanation is simply that Coley brought the money on behalf of his master. This is explicitly stated in the case of a fine paid the same day (Arber, ii. 830).

[2] In the Ordinances of 1678 it is expressly laid down that Assistants are to be chosen from among those members of the Society 'who have paid their Fines for not serving, or else have served according to the Custom of the said Society in the Office or Place of Renter-warden of the said Society' (Arber, i. 9).

[3] The Ordinances of 1678 state that the powers of election they lay down were such 'as usually heretofore hath been' (Arber, i. 6), but this phrase must be received with caution (see p. xxviii below).

[4] While the election of the Master and Wardens seems to have been held at the end of June or beginning of July (cf. p. xxvi), the Renters were regularly elected on 26 Mar. (Arber, i. xliv). This was, of course, the second day of the legal year, which began on Lady Day. The Clerk, as a rule, followed the legal reckoning strictly, adopting the new year-number on 25 Mar., but on one occasion in the minutes, namely on 27 Jan. 1598, he inadvertently lapsed into the use of the more popular calendar year, writing '1598' instead of '1597' (p. 59).

there present and hath taken the charge vppon him'. The next election is recorded on 10 Apr. 1598 (not, be it observed, election day) in the words: 'Peirce Hewes is chosen vnder Renter for the yeare ensuinge' (p. 60). The brief memorandum makes no mention of a Court. On 2 Apr. 1599 we get a rather significant entry. It begins: 'Where Mr Harrison junior was chosen renter the last monday 26. marcij . . .' (p. 69). There was a hearing of a dispute on 26 Mar., presumably before a Court though this is not stated, but no entry of any election. It appears that now Harrison 'is desyrous to be dispensed with from servinge the same place', wherefore 'yt is this day by a Court of Assistentes ordered' that he shall pay a fine of £5; 'Whereuppon this day Mr Symon Waterson is at this Court and day chosen to be renter for this present yere insuynge'. From this it is clear that whoever had the power of election in the first instance, that of dispensation and substitution lay with the Court. Lastly, on 26 Mar. 1602 a succession of elections and refusals ended in the choice of Bradock (pp. 85–6). It is possibly significant that after the first attempt at election, when John Norton was chosen, the series is interrupted by other business. Does this mean that the Livery participated in the original election and that it was only after this was over that the meeting resolved itself into a Court? It is just conceivable, though the evidence in favour of the suggestion seems trifling, even after we have noted another possibly significant detail. This refers to the election of 1595 (p. 50). On this occasion, as we have already seen, there were three candidates, Barker, White, and Seton, of whom Barker was chosen. Barker was, however, unable to serve, and we find the Court quietly disregarding the other two candidates and electing Bonham Norton instead. Whatever the exact significance of this, it certainly seems as though the original election differed in some formal manner from the election of a substitute, and that in the latter the Court was able to exercise a more unfettered choice. But be this as it may, and whether or not they took part in the original election, it seems clear that members of the Livery other than Assistants must have been present in the Hall, since those upon whom election fell were usually at hand to signify their acquiescence or refusal. And in any case election must, one would suppose, have taken place at a Court, so that the absence of fuller records is puzzling.

Election of Master and Wardens

It is possible that light may be thrown on the matter by examining the record of elections to the offices of Master and Wardens, which proves to be defective in a somewhat similar way. It was usual for the Clerk to enter in

his book, early in July,[1] the names of the Master and Wardens for the ensuing year. He sometimes enters them at the head of a page during the year as well or appends them to an isolated entry which is out of place (e.g. pp. 2, 63,

[1] The date on which the Master and Wardens assumed office, and consequently on which the craft year began, is left curiously vague, and evidently varied from year to year. The Ordinances of 1678 merely lay down that the election shall be held at the 'usual time' (Arber, i. 7). The only apparent note of an election preserved in the Court records is dated 30 June 1595 (p. 52). There are incidental mentions of election day as falling on 3 July 1585 and 1 July 1598 (pp. 17, 62). For about a dozen years between 1576 and 1602 the Clerk's notes allow us to fix the date at which the new officers assumed office within tolerably close limits, and his notes in the entrances of copies and the admission of apprentices and freemen sometimes allow us to draw the limits closer, as the following table will show (in which 'before' should be read as 'on or before', 'after' as 'on or after', while a hyphen stands for 'on or between'):

Year	*Minutes*	*Entrances*	*Apprentices*	*Freemen*	*Limits*	[*Feast day*]
1584	after 1 July	6–19 July	before 19 July	—	6–19 July	[5 July]
1585	after 3 July	before 17 July	before 22 July	4–18 July	4–17 July	[4 July]
1589	before 6 July	before 3 July	30 June–1 July	before 6 July	30 June–1 July	[29 June]
1590	after 4 July	13–15 July	dated 15 July	dated 15 July	15 July	[5 July]
1594	dated 15 July	before 15 July	—	dated 15 July	15 July	[30 June]
1595	? election dated 30 June	before 4 July	1–15 July	before 7 July	1–4 July	[29 June]
1596	dated 8 July	5–15 July	dated 8 July	dated 8 July	8 July	[4 July]
1598	1–13 July	before 7 July	after 3 July	after 3 July	3–7 July	[2 July]
1599	before 3 July	—	after 1 July	1–9 July	1–3 July	[1 July]
1600	dated 3 July	dated 3 July	dated 3 July	dated 3 July	3 July	[29 June]
1601	after 2 July	7–11 July	6–20 July	after 3 July	7–11 July	[5 July]
1602	after 5 July	dated 6 July	dated 6 July	dated 6 July	6 July	[4 July]

Now it does not follow that the new officers entered on their duties immediately on election, and indeed in view of the confusion caused by refusals to serve it would obviously have been more convenient to allow a certain delay. And we have already found some evidence that there was in fact an interval (see p. xvii above). This supposition is amply confirmed by the table. For we see, to begin with, that in 1595 the minutes record the names of the new officers on 30 June, the apprenticeship entries show that they cannot have assumed office before 1 July. Again, we have just seen that in 1585 election day was 3 July, whereas the admissions of freemen show that the new officers cannot have taken office till the 4th; and that in 1598 election day was 1 July, whereas the 3rd is the earliest date at which the new officers can have taken office. Thus though the election may sometimes have been held in June it would seem that the term of office probably always began between 1 and 15 July inclusive. (See additional note on p. lxxxi.)

The date of election it is perhaps possible to fix. The Livery feast was held each year on the Sunday after St. Peter's day, which is 29 June (Arber, i. 138), and I presume that this feast was the election dinner. Now in 1585 and 1598, as we have seen, election day was 3 and 1 July respectively. In these years St. Peter's day fell on a Tuesday and a Thursday and the following Sundays were 4 and 2 July. It would seem then that the election was held on Saturday, the day before the dinner. In 1595 St. Peter's day was itself a Sunday, and as the Clerk noted the names of the new Officers on Monday, 30 June, they had presumably been elected on the 28th. This supports the view that the regular date of the election dinner was the Sunday on or next after St. Peter's day. I have therefore entered this date in brackets in the table given above. It will be seen that the interval between election and assumption of office seems to have varied from two days to over a fortnight.

86, 93, 94). These are not properly records of election, nor are they to be taken to imply attendance on any particular occasion. They are simply notes added by the Clerk of the reigning officers at the time, just as he added at the top of the page a note of the year of the Queen's reign, and they are found entered in much the same way in the register of copies and elsewhere. There is only one record of actual election in the minutes, namely the casual and rather misleading jotting under the date 30 June 1595: 'Mr Coldocke. Mr Binge and Mr Dawson are chosen wardens for the yere ensuinge' (p. 52). That is the nearest glimpse of the procedure of normal election that we get. On the other hand we do get formal minutes of elections to fill vacancies caused by death during tenure of office. Thus William Norton was chosen Master for 1593–4, and he presided at a Court on 3 Dec. But by 14 Dec. he was dead and his will was produced at a Court held that day. Three days later another Court was held and the minute runs: 'Mr Norton our late master beinge deceased this day was thelection of a newe master according to thordonnances of the Company: and thelection fell vppon Mr Byshop by most voyces' (p. 47). And similarly with the Wardens. Thus, on 28 Apr. 1594, 'At this Courte by the election of the Wholle Table, Mr Stirrop was chozen vnderwarden, in stede of Mr Woodcock late warden and nowe deceased, to serve out somuche of this yeare as is yett to come' (p. 49). And an earlier minute of 11 Sept. 1587 is even fuller and more informative: 'At a courte houlden this daye, in steede of Mr Henrye Myddleton younger warden deceased, Mr Richarde Greene is elected warden for the residue of this presente yere' (p. 24). Greene, hastily informed 'by Mr Barker and Mr Connewaye beinge sente vnto him to his house in Fleetestreete',[1] refused to serve, and the minute proceeds: 'Wherevppon a newe election being made . . . the election fell equall vppon Mr Conneway and Mr Howe. And therevppon by meanes of the twoo voyces of Mr Iudson our master,[2] Mr Connewaye is elected warden for the reste of this presente yere, whoe beinge contente to serue the same place, hathe taken his oathe accordinglie' (p. 25). There can from these minutes be no doubt whatever that it was the function of the Court to fill vacancies, whether these were

[1] He was fined 12*d.* 'for none apperance at a court holden on this day for vrgent busynes' (Arber, ii. 859) though he was not an Assistant. Nor, apparently, were Cawood and Allen who were fined along with him. This is ample proof of the presence of outsiders at least at elections. According to the Ordinances of 1678, 12*d.* was the fine exacted from an Assistant for non-attendance at a Court, and also that of a Liveryman who neglected to appear when summoned (Arber, i. 5, 11).

[2] It is specifically provided in the Charter that in case of an equality of votes in an election the Master, or failing him the Elder Warden, shall have two voices ('habeat duas voces') in the election (Arber, i. xxx).

caused by death or by refusal to serve.[1] But if the ordinary elections were equally within the duties of the Court of Assistants, it is difficult to understand why there should be no regular record of them in the minutes, or why this apparent distinction should be drawn, especially as, so far as I am aware, no formal record of the elections is preserved elsewhere.

We may approach the question from another angle. To-day the Master and Wardens are chosen by the Court of Assistants. And it was already so in 1678. The Ordinances of that year are quite explicit on the point: 'It is likewise Ordained, That the full and absolute power of Nomination and Election of Master, Wardens and Assistants, Members of the Livery, and of all other Officers of the said Society, shall always be and remain as usually heretofore hath been, only in the Master, Wardens and Assistants of the said Society or the major part of them in a Court or Courts of Assistants assembled; In which Nomination and Choices they shall observe the Ancient ways, Time and Method of Nomination and Election which have heretofore been observed and used in the said Society' (Arber, i. 6, cf. 7, 8). What could be more admirably conservative than this? The Ordinances purport to do no more than lay down the observance of the ancient customs of the Company. Yet when we turn to the Charter granted a hundred and twenty years before, we find the provision 'that the foresaid Master and Keepers or Wardens and Community of the said mistery or art of Stationery of the foresaid city . . . may elect and make of themselves one Master and two Keepers or Wardens of the same mistery' ('quod praedicti magistri et custodes siue gardiani ac communitas dictae misterae siue artis Stacionarii ciuitatis praedictae . . . de seipsis eligere possint et facere unum magistrum et duos custodes siue gardianos eiusdem misterae': Arber, i. xxx). And there is no doubt that the Community was the whole body of freemen.[2] But election by the Company as a whole is not the same as election by a Court that co-opted its own members. There has been a constitutional change.[3] When, therefore, we observe this curious absence from the

[1] Yet even elections to fill vacancies did not always find their way into the minutes. Thus Askew's refusal to serve the Under Wardenship is recorded (p. 77), but not the election of White in his stead.

[2] For the Charter recites the royal grant 'dilectis et fidelibus ligeis nostris Thomae Dockwraye [and to the ninty-six other original members] *liberis hominibus* misterae siue artis Stacionarii Ciuitatis nostrae Londonii et suburbiorum eiusdem, quod ipsi de caetero sint in re facto et nomine unum corpus de se imperpetuum, et una *communitas* perpetua corporata de uno magistro et duobus custodibus siue gardianis in *communitate* eiusdem misterae' (Arber, i. xxviii).

[3] The provisions of the Charter might presumably have been varied by Orders in Council. In one place Arber seems to imply (perhaps unintentionally) that this had been done. He writes (ii. 13): 'The sweeping Star Chamber Decree of 23 June 1586 finally concluded the agitation [over privileges], and confirmed the power of the Company in the hands of the Master Wardens

Court minutes of any record of the regular election of officers, and further notice as we have already done (p. xvii) that on election days, and on other days when elections were in fact made, the Clerk's attendance lists tend to include the names of persons who were not Assistants, there can be little doubt that we are witnessing this constitutional change actually in progress. There is perhaps another hint in a minute of 2 July 1580. There had been some doubt on the subject of re-election, and the order then made contains the significant phrase: 'if any person . . . shalbe nominated in the eleccion of thupperwarden and the choyse fall not vpon him . . .' (pp. 10–1). Now, nomination cannot mean a voluntary candidature for we know that those elected sometimes refused to serve. The Ordinances of 1678, as we have seen, assign the 'power of Nomination and Election' to the Court, but there ought surely to be a distinction between the two. May we not assume that the powers belonged originally to different bodies, and came only later into the same hands? If so, it is possible that at the time with which we are concerned the Livery nominated candidates and the Court elected. That would represent a practice intermediate between that laid down in 1557 and that we find established in 1678.[1] And the line of constitutional development would be similar to that already followed in the City government. Thus in the election of the Lord Mayor the Commoners chose two candidates between whom the Aldermen made the final selection: but in practice the Corporation managed seriously to restrict the democratic right of nomination.[2]

No doubt office was an honour, but it was an honour that was not always welcome, for it was no sinecure. There is, I think, no instance of the Mastership being refused: probably no one consented to serve the Wardenships unless he aimed at the worshipful seat.[3] Nor was there any limit to the number of

and Assistants; and of such as by coöptation should succeed them: with whom it has ever since remained.' But I cannot find in the Decree anything that modified the constitution of the Company. The Ordinances themselves can hardly have been of force to vary the provisions of the Charter although they were issued with official sanction. Those of 1678, allowed on 16 Feb. 167$\frac{7}{8}$, were authorized by Heneage Lord Finch, Lord Chancellor, Sir Richard Rainsford, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and Sir Francis North, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, under statute of 19 Henry VII.

[1] Moreover, if it applied to the election of Renters likewise it would explain the curious point in that of 1595 to which attention has already been directed (see p. xxv above). Apparently Barker, White, and Seton were the three nominated, and the election failing the nominations became void.

[2] See C. L. Kingsford, *Prejudice and Promise in Fifteenth-Century England*, 1925, pp. 107–9.

[3] For the same reason doubtless, no one seems to have refused the Upper Wardenship by itself. Exemption from serving the Master's place was sought, but only in conjunction with exemption from both Wardenships (p. 61). The Ordinances of 1678, however, provide for a fine for refusing the Mastership of not less than £10 or more than £20 (Arber, i. 7).

times this could be held. It was, indeed, an expense—for, if the Master did not have to provide a dinner, he had to present a piece of plate—and most were (or had to be) content with serving twice. Re-election was, however, the rule, and only in exceptional circumstances do we find a Master serving only one term of office.[1] But the elder Seres was the only man in our period who served two years in succession, namely from 1576 to 1578. Gonneld, Norton, and Harrison each served three times; while Bishop served no less than five times—once in place of Norton, deceased.

As regards the Wardenships, the normal thing was to serve the Under and Upper each twice. This was the most that could be demanded, and no one undertook more. Election to fill a vacancy by death counted as a year's service. It was usual but not necessary to make the two years' service continuous. No one made his four years continuous, but Bing did serve the Under and Upper Wardenship in consecutive years. Towards the end of our period there is observable a tendency to serve the junior office only once—apparently dispensation became the rule. Dawson in 1595–7 was the last who was Under Warden twice.

Procedure seems to be crystallizing in the years covered by the minutes. Controversy arose in 1580 as to whether a person nominated but not elected to the Upper Wardenship after serving as Under Warden only once, could thereafter be called upon to serve a second term as Under Warden. The Court agreed that he could, and the members signed their names to an order to that effect (pp. 10–1). This decision implied that a person who had served the lower office only once was yet capable of election to the higher, but the principle remained to be defined: it waited over eighteen years and the order then made was particular only. On 15 Jan. 1599 it was agreed that four persons, Man, Ponsonby, R. Barker, and B. Norton, should be capable of election as Upper Warden, upon paying the required fines, in spite of the fact that the first two had only served the Under Wardenship once and the last two not at all. The fines were fixed at £20 a piece for complete dispensation, £3 6*s*. 8*d*. and £5 for dispensation from a second term. Why Man was called on to pay less than Ponsonby does not appear (pp. 66–7). Man and Barker duly served the Upper Wardenship before the end of our period, and evidently dispensations were becoming commoner, for in the last years Windet, White, Seton, Waterson, and Hooper each served the Under Wardenship only once, though all but Windet subsequently became Upper Warden.[2]

[1] John Judson who was Master for the first time in 1587–8 died in 1589, and Isaac Bing who was elected in 1603 died during his term of office.

[2] The matter is not free from obscurity, even with the help of the register of fines. For

This system of fines or dispensations originated of course in the occasional refusal of elected persons to accept office. We first find record of such a

according to the minutes, Ponsonby, Man, and Norton paid their fines, while Barker did not, and this is confirmed by the register. Ponsonby died in 1603 and never proceeded to further office. Man duly became Upper Warden in 1599 and 1602, and Master in 1604, 1610, 1614, and 1616. But Barker (without ever serving as Under Warden or apparently paying his fine) became Upper Warden in 1601 and (after paying a fine for not serving the Upper Wardenship a second time) became Master in 1605 and 1606. The case of Norton is puzzling too. There can be no doubt that by 'Mr Norton' is meant Bonham Norton, for his signature is appended to his undertaking of 29 June 1599 (p. 72), and the corresponding entry in the register of fines on 29 Dec. gives his name in full (Arber, ii. 830). Moreover, John Norton paid his fine for similar exemption on 17 June 1604. Also in 1604 and apparently again in 1605, John Norton was chosen Upper Warden. (Court Book C names John explicitly in 1604, and the 'Mr. Norton' of 1605 was almost certainly the same.) Further John became Master in 1607, 1611, and 1612. During his third Mastership he died, and his place was taken by his cousin Bonham. Apparently the latter had never served either of the Wardenships. We have seen that he paid his fine for escaping the Under Wardenship in 1599: I presume that record of his paying another fine to escape the Upper Wardenship will be found in the unpublished book of fines (see below) and possibly in Court Book C.

Windet, White, Seton, Waterson, and Hooper were each fined £10 in lieu of serving a second time as Under Warden, on 23 April 1604, as appears from Court Book C confirmed by the register of fines. For convenience I have collected here all the fines for non-service recorded in the section devoted to fines in Register B (Arber, ii. 843–64, 821–41). This covers the years July 1576 to July 1605, and it will be noticed how general these dispensations became at the end of the period.

1578 Aug. 18. Oliver Wylkes. Fined for refusing to take upon him the Livery. £1
1579 May 6. Mr. [C.] Barkar. Dispensation from the Rentership for ever (cf. Reg. A 225[a]). £3
1588 Mar. 26. Richard Grene. In lieu of serving his first Wardenship (cf. p. 27). £5
1598 Oct. 30. Mr. Askew. Discharge from serving the Rentership for ever (cf. p. 65). £5
1599 Feb. 8. Mr. Ponsonby. Dispensation for not serving the Under Wardenship a second time (cf. p. 68). £5
June 25. John Harrison II. For not serving the Rentership (cf. p. 69). £5
Dec. 29. Bonham Norton. For not serving the Under Wardenship (cf. p. 72). £20
Mr. Man. For not serving the Under Wardenship a second time (cf. p. 72). £3 6*s.* 8*d.*
1600 Feb. 14. Richard Collins. Dispensation from bearing offices (cf. p. 73). £5
Oct. 21. James Askew. For not serving the Younger Wardenship this year only (cf. p. 77). £5
1602 Mar. 26. John Norton. For not serving the Rentership (cf. p. 85). £10
Mr. Robertes. The same. £5
Mr. Keyle. The same. £4

[This is as far as the present Court records go. It will be observed that all the fines appear in the minutes from 1588 onwards.]

1604 Mar. 26. Mr. Leake. Chosen Renter and desiring to be dispensed. £10
Mr. Standish. The same. £10
Mr. Field. The same. £10
'Mr. Lownes is chosen renter and taketh the place vpon him.'
[There seems to be no record of this in Court Book C.]

[*Note continued on next page.*]

refusal in the minutes in 1587. It was then, on 11 Sept., at the election by the Court of a successor to Henry Middleton deceased, that Richard Greene was chosen to the place of Under Warden, and in spite of the exhortations of Barker and Conway and 'contrarye to thordinaunce of the companie refused to accepte and serue the same' (pp. 24–5). He was promptly amerced in a fine of £5, which he subsequently paid (half going to the Hall and half to Conway who was elected in his place [1]) and on 26 Mar. 1588 a Court ended the matter with the not very lucid resolution: 'That the fine is taken: And his election to the wardenship for this yere: Shalbe accepted as thoughe he had taken it vpon

(1604) June 17. Mr. [R.] Barker. For not serving the second Upper Wardenship. £20
John Norton. For not serving both the Under Wardenships. £20
June 30. Mr. Windet. Dispensation from the second Under Wardenship. £10
Mr. Seton. The same. £10
Mr. Waterson. The same. £10
Mr. White. The same. £10
Mr. East. Dispensation from all offices. A gilt cup weighing 31½ oz. and a quantity of linnen.

[The 'Entraunce of Fines' is continued in another book from 5 Aug. 1605 to 1640. This has not been published; see *The Library*, vi. 352.]

The entry of Windet's dispensation on 30 June 1604 contains a point of quite peculiar interest for the history of these fines. It runs: 'Whereas Mr Windet oweth 10^{li} for his Dispensacion from the second vnderwardenship and claymeth l^{s} thereof for the moytie of Richard Collins fine paid for the wardenships Mr Windet being warden next after him, there is nowe receaued of him l^{s} which with the seid l^{s} alowed maketh v^{li} in parte of payment of the seid x^{li} The rest is to be paid within 6 moneths' (Arber, ii. 838). Now Collins was fined in dispensation of all offices on 3 July 1599, and Windet appears as Under Warden at the same Court (p. 73). It is evident therefore that Windet was elected in Collins's place, and on that ground claimed half Collins's fine as still owing to him, apparently as of custom. The loss of the Wardens' accounts between 1596 and 1663 makes it difficult to check this claim, but in the one instance that can be verified it is borne out. Greene's fine on 26 Mar. 1588 is quite baldly entered in the appropriate section of Register B (Arber, ii. 859), but in the Wardens' accounts in Register A (Arber, i. 523) we find the following: 'Receaued of Mr Richard Greene for that he executed not the yonger wardenship being chosen warden, the somme of v^{li}, whereof l^{s} is to the vse of the hall, and the other l^{s} is to the vse of Mr Connewaye whoe was chosen warden vpon Mr Greenes refusall, to whiche Mr Connewaye the said l^{s} belongeth by thordonaunces', and duly enough only 50*s.* is entered 'for the Cumpanye' in the accounts though the whole £5 appears in the list of fines. And, of course, as we know from the minutes, Conway was elected Under Warden in Greene's place on the death of Henry Middleton (pp. 24–5). On the other hand, Barker's dispensation of 6 May 1579 suggests that the custom did not apply to fines for not serving the Rentership.

One other point of incidental interest may be mentioned. It will be noticed that when Bonham Norton was fined his £20, he agreed on 29 June 1599 'that if his xx^{li} lent to her maiestie in this Company shalbe repaid before thend of the . . . yere' it should be devoted to his fine (p. 72). It is therefore pleasant to learn that by the time he paid the fine on 29 Dec. her Majesty had discharged her debt (Arber, ii. 830).

[1] See preceding note.

him: so that he is to be an assistant in his place in sort as if he had taken the wardenship vpon him' (p. 27). Through the Clerk's rather eccentric punctuation the meaning glimmers that the fine was not to be regarded merely as a dispensation from serving, but as in all things the equivalent of service, so that it carried with it the *ex officio* Assistantship, the existence of which we have previously inferred (p. xxiii). But Greene did not want the Assistantship any more than the Wardenship, and after eighteen months he was removed for non-attendance (p. 33). The only other actual refusal recorded is that of Askew who was fined on 1 July 1600 for not serving as Under Warden (p. 77). There is no note of who was elected in his place, but as a matter of fact it was E. White. It is in this case stated that the fine was 'lymited by thordonnance' to £5, but this was probably no new regulation for Greene too had been fined his £5 'accordinge to thordinaunce in that behalfe'.[1]

But though the system of fine and dispensation was thus early recognized in the case of the office of Under Warden, it is only later that we find it applied to that of Renter in the minutes.[2] It was indeed recognized that men technically liable to serve might yet be in a position that rendered a demand of service unreasonable. Thus even Collins, the Clerk, after he had been chosen Assistant was still liable, and may even have been elected, for on 26 Mar. 1594 a Court agreed that he 'shall pay in convenient tyme iij^{li} for a fyne for not servinge the rentership: and so is here discharged of servinge that place' being 'considered of in respect of his service and paynes for small consideracion taken in the Companye' (p. 49). It is a little surprising to find the Court thus admitting the inadequacy of its servant's remuneration, but then presumably it was the Clerk who drew up the minute. Certainly on this occasion he received consideration and paid at his convenience, for he only paid £2 of his fine

[1] The various sums paid in fines have already been given (pp. xxi–xxii). In the Ordinances of 1678 the provisions on the subject are somewhat elaborate. For refusing to serve the Upper Wardenship without reasonable excuse a man was to be fined £24, 'except he Served or Fined for First or Upper-warden the preceding year', in which case it was reduced to £6. But on application made, the Court might at their discretion accept 'a more moderate Fine' of not less than £12. For the Under Wardenship the corresponding fines were £20, £5, and £10. The Wardens between them had to provide the election dinner for the Livery (Arber, i. 7–9). To-day there is an inclusive fine for the two Wardenships and the Mastership of £200.

Presumably the fines were exacted technically for disobedience. The Charter granted to the Master and Wardens the right, for certain offences, to imprison or commit to jail for a space of three months without bail, and also to impose fines up to £5, one half to go to the Crown and the other to the Company (Arber, i. xxxi). The offences specified are the exercising of the art or mistery without authority and resisting search, but they seem to have been extended to cover other infringements of the ordinances, and the higher fines exacted were presumably alternative to imprisonment (see p. 60). There seems no evidence that any of the money ever went to the Crown.

[2] As we have already seen (p. xxi) the fines for it go back to 1579.

and that after a delay of more than four years (p. 62).[1] Again, when on 9 Apr. 1594 Robert Barker was chosen Assistant, it was specially provided that he should 'take no exception hereby but to serue the Rentership' (p. 49). He was in fact chosen on 26 Mar. the next year, but on Bishop and Newbery signifying the Court 'that by reason of his place he cannot in person conveniently serue' he was provided with a substitute in the person of Bonham Norton on payment of a fine 'at the discretion of the table' (p. 50).[2]

But the Court was not always ready to accept excuses, as appears from the elaborate controversy over James Askew or Askell. On 10 Apr. 1598 Peirce Hewes was chosen Under Renter and 'The same daye Iames Askew vtterly refused to take the [Upper] Rentershippe vppon him, and for his refusall he is to knowe the Companyes pleasure vppon this daye fortnight at which tyme he hathe promised to be heere present' (p. 60). Duly on 24 Apr. following the Court decreed that 'for disobedience and obstinacie to his Master and Wardens, and for not observinge and obeyinge the good and laufull ordonnances and statutes of this Companie' James Askew 'shalbe committed to prison in example of all the lyke misdoers' and also be fined £5 'to thuse of this felowe-ship accordinge to thordonnance in that behalf' (p. 60). A month later Askew 'appeared at a full Court of Assistentes holden' on 22 May and asked as an alternative to have a fine fixed for an inclusive dispensation from serving the Rentership, the Wardenships, or the Master's place. This was fixed at £30 and he was given till the first Monday in June to make his choice (p. 61).[3] But it was not till the second Monday, 12 June, that a Court was held, and he then 'praied to haue respit' till Michaelmas to make up his mind. He did not reappear, however, till 16 Oct., and then chose to pay the lesser fine 'to be discharged of the rentership altogether foreuer', and duly paid the same on 30 Oct. following (p. 65). There must, one supposes, have been something particularly 'disorderly' about his refusal to account for the threat of imprisonment.[4] We have already seen that he paid a further £5 in 1600 to escape service as Under Warden.

[1] There appears to be no record of this payment in the register of fines.

[2] The register of fines contains no record of his having paid any.

[3] It is particularly provided that notwithstanding the dispensation he shall 'alwaies be contributary to all common charges for the service of her maiestie, or the honor of the citye, and the vsuall assessementes in the citie and this Company'. The assessment and payment of the charges for the City and the Company are duly provided for in the Ordinances of 1678, and refusal or delay in payment involved a fine up to £5 (Arber, i. 13).

[4] As suggested above (p. xxxiii) it may have been by the threat of imprisonment that the Court succeeded in imposing fines higher than those authorized by the Charter. There are not very many instances of imprisonment mentioned in the minutes, but once more the register of fines proves that the records of the Court are by no means complete.

The next to refuse was John Harrison II, who was chosen Renter on 26 Mar. 1599 but on 2 Apr. represented that he 'for diuerse respectes is desyrous to be dispensed with from servinge the same place, for a reasonable fine', and was consequently amerced in £5 (p. 69). The example of refusal had now been set, and on the last occasion we hear of it had become almost epidemic. It was on 26 Mar. 1602 that John Norton was chosen Renter and fined £10 'for that his request was rather to pay a fine at the discretion of the Court then to serue the place' (p. 85). He apparently had no excuse. In his place James Roberts was chosen, and fined £5 for refusing. After him John Keyle, who was fined £4. And only then at the fourth choice did Richard Bradock consent to serve (p. 86).[1]

Attendance

Even attendance at the Court was sometimes a burden. How far Assistants were expected to attend and how far they were in fact regular in attendance are rather obscure points.[2] Even the numbers of the Assistants at different times are not definitely known.[3] No doubt they varied, and though some approximate statistics of numbers and attendance could of course be worked out, it would be a rather long and tedious business. One entry (p. 63) gives what purports to be a complete list of Assistants, but this belongs to 1604, a date after the close of the regular minutes. There were then apparently eight. But this, if complete, must have been an unusually small number. For the attendances, apart from the Master and Wardens, are usually from six to ten. An exceptionally large Court on election day 1585 mustered fourteen beside the officers (p. 17). We have, indeed, seen that on election day Courts were apt to include members who were not Assistants, but on this occasion all but two were regular attendants. Perhaps not all *ex officio* members were very regular. Still, even past-Masters were expected to attend so long as they retained their position. This is made evident by an interesting minute of 30 Sept. 1589,

[1] A similar epidemic occurred two years later, after the end of our period (see p. xxxi). In the Ordinances of 1678 the fine for refusing the Rentership is much higher than for refusing the Wardenships. It is fixed at £50, which might be reduced to £24. It is also laid down that the Renter shall 'at his costs and charges find and provide one competent and sufficient Dinner' for the Livery, or in default forfeit £50. The assistant Renter, chosen at the same time as the Renter, appears to have succeeded as Renter automatically the following year (Arber, i. 12). There is no fine specified for refusing. To-day the fine for refusing the Rentership is £25 3*s*., but on the other hand those serving are fined £21 in lieu of providing a dinner.

[2] According to the Ordinances of 1678 Assistants were to be fined 12*d*. for non-attendance at a Court (Arber, i. 5).

[3] A list of 28 Aug. 1598 names fourteen. In 1645 their number is said to have been twenty-eight (Arber, i. xliv).

which orders that 'Forasmuche as the affayres of this Cumpanie are often hindered, by reason of the contynuall absence of Mr Richard Tottell . . . Mr Garrett Dewce and Richard Greene: yt is nowe therfore for the furtherance and moore spedy execucion of the busynesse of this cumpanye ordered . . . that the said [persons] from hensforthe shall stand discharged and removed from their adsistantships in this cumpanye' (p. 33). Tottell had of course passed the Mastership, and deserved consideration, 'havinge bene alwayes a lovinge and orderly brother in the cumpany, and nowe absent not for any cause savinge his infyrmytie and farre dwelling from the cyty': it is explained elsewhere that he 'dwellythe in the furthest partes of the Realme'—he had in fact retired as far as Pembrokeshire. It was therefore resolved that 'whensoeuer he shall resort hither, he shall . . . sytt with the said Assistantes . . . and his name be still entered in the booke amongest the said Assistentes' (cf. *The Library*, viii. 219). Dewce had become Assistant through serving the Under Wardenship in 1581–2, Greene, as we have seen, through paying his fine to avoid serving in 1587. Neither had any claim to special treatment, and it was agreed that their names 'be wrytten in the book amongest the rest of the lyuerye'. In the context this can only mean that if they attended a Court their attendance was to be recorded as that of Liverymen, and I see no means of avoiding the conclusion previously arrived at that the Livery did in fact attend at least some Courts at will.

Even Liverymen had certain duties to perform, apparently of a ceremonial nature. Among them was that of attending on the Lord Mayor on his oath-day clothed in gown and hood, and on 2 Aug. 1602 one John Stede was warned that failure on his part would entail a fine of 40*s*. (p. 91).[1]

The Beadle

Beside the officers already mentioned the Company had also other officials in its service. Of the Clerk I have written elsewhere (p. x), and we have also met the Counsel of the Company (p. xvii). Another was the Beadle or Bedell. The earliest occupier of this post whom we hear of in the minutes was Timothy Rider,[2] who seems to have caused a good deal of trouble. On 3 June 1580 he got his wages raised from 40*s*. to £6 a year (p. 10), in spite of which his conduct apparently left something to be desired. For on 1 Mar. 1585 the sum of 2*s*.

[1] In the register of fines are entered sums of 12*d*. paid for non-attendance on the Lord Mayor on 'All hollowen day', i.e. 1 Nov. (1589), and 'Twelfedaye', i.e. 6 Jan. (1579); while similar fines were also paid for not attending on the Master and Wardens at the funeral of Henry Conway (Arber, ii. 861, 849, 829). Fines for non-appearance on quarter-day, when the ordinances were read, are frequent.

[2] He had succeeded one John Fayreberne (Arber, i. xliii).

was paid to one Lant [1] 'for warninge the Cumpanie' (p. 17), and the Wardens' accounts let slip the fact that the warning was 'duringe the tyme of Tymothies removement' (Arber, i. 509). Then he fell ill, and by 9 Apr. 1587 'by reason of his infirmyties' could no longer 'execute the busynes of his office'. He was allowed a substitute, who was to have 40*s*. a year 'with the availes and casualties of the office' as well as the reversion, but Timothy was to continue in possession of 'his dwellinge in the house in the hall' and of his £6 a year wages, with, however, the significant proviso 'so that in the meane tyme he shewe him self dutifull, quiet of his good behaviour' (p. 23). This we may suppose he failed to do, for on 23 July following he was 'vppon iust cause . . . clerely remoued from the same office' (p. 24). Nevertheless he was to be allowed to keep his lodging 'vntill mydsomer next' and during good behaviour to have a yearly allowance of £4 as a free gift toward his relief. He was dead by 3 June 1588, when it was agreed to allow his widow to remain in the lodging till Michaelmas upon her promise 'to avoyd out of the house' on that date 'without further delay' (p. 28). She was also allowed a pension of 40*s*. a year 'duringe her wydowehed' (p. 29).

Rider's successor was John Wolf, ex-pirate, who, appointed deputy on 9 Apr. (p. 23), succeeded to the office on 23 July, 1587 (p. 24), and to Rider's dwelling at Michaelmas 1588 (pp. 28–9). Whether or not this was the same as the rooms over the great parlour in the Hall which he later occupied is not clear (p. 48); more likely these were distinct. In 1591 his wages were raised from £6 to £10 (p. 38). Wolf continued to print and publish on his own: there is a provision that he shall pay as usual for his entrance of copies, deducting, however, his claim for 'his paynes taken aboue his ordinarye servyce' (p. 34); and also a rather obscure allusion to his keeping a printing-house in the Hall (p. 36, and see below, p. lii). Among other things he contracted to provide fuel, both 'wood and coales', for the Hall, alike for heating and cooking, at the rate of £3 a year (p. 31). On 27 Jan. 1598, upon his 'free resignacion', Toby Cooke was elected at the same wage that Wolf had been receiving (p. 59). By 8 Oct. 1599, however, Cooke's former apprentice, John Hardy, was already acting as his deputy, and on that date the Court recognized the arrangement and agreed that while Cooke was to enjoy the £10 a year, Hardy should 'hold him self content onely with the casuall profittes, called the avayles, of the said office', and the reversion (p. 74). Lastly, on 8 Jan. 1600 a laconic note, 'This day Iohn Hardy took his oathe for the bedelship of this Company', informs us that Cooke was dead (p. 75).

[1] Not of course Richard Lant, the early printer, who must have been dead.

A rather mysterious servant of the Company was Walter Dight, who on 16 Apr. 1599 was appointed at a wage of 12*d.* a day to 'attend vpon the . . . Wardens in thaffayres of the Companye accordinge to their directions'. It was provided that 'for the avoydinge of diuerse inconveniencies' Dight should not keep a printing press (p. 70). The nature of his duties is quite unknown, but he certainly printed at a later date, and had previously been fined for selling Psalters disorderly (Arber, ii. 821). Another somewhat mysterious character is called 'the lord maiors officer which servith this cumpanie' (p. 2). The place was held successively by Henry Flyck, 1577, Robert Hide, 1583, Edward Lyle, 1588, and Richard Dodd, 1593. Hide is described as 'one of my lord Maiours Carvers' (p. 2), but whether this implies the nature of his service with the Company is not clear. Nor is it clear whether any of these was 'my Lord maiours offycer' who collected a payment in 1585 (p. 17).[1] The fee of the Lord Mayor's officer was 13*s.* 4*d.* a year. Bland the Butler received the same (p. 2) and so did his successor Price in 1595 (p. 51). The Cook, Adamson, had 26*s.* 8*d.* for dressing the four quarter-day dinners in 1577 (p. 2), but in 1589 Reignold Foord was to dress all dinners apparently, whether for the Company, for the Wardmote inquest, or for weddings, at 12*d.* a head (p. 31), and on his election in 1599 Nicholas Pinfold was 'to haue lyke fee as the former Cooke had' (p. 72). During the plague of 1592 the Privy Council directed the City Companies to forgo their feasts on Lord Mayor's Day (*Acts P. C.*, 11 Oct.) but there is nothing to show whether the Stationers conformed. It is true that in a fit of economy on 4 Sept. 1598, the Court 'For diuerse good consideracions' ordered that the quarterly dinners be reduced to two—an election-day dinner at midsummer and one at Christmas—but on 16 Apr. 1604 the decision was reversed and the record solemnly 'Cancelled and striken out by order and commaundement of a Court' (p. 63). There was also a Porter,[2] for we find one John Oswall or Oswold appointed to 'the portership of this Company' on 26 June 1592 'with the accustomed fee' (p. 42), and we shall later find him acting alternatively to the Beadle as an executive officer of the Court (p. 81, and cf. p. xlvi). Lastly, the Company, rather surprisingly, kept an Armourer, for 'tharmorers fee' was raised from 13*s.* 4*d.* to 20*s.* a year in 1586 (p. 18) and again to 6*s.* 8*d.*

[1] One Norton, 'my lord maiors officer', received 2*s.* in 1591–2 'for preferringe our supplicacions at two tymes for payeinge money for shippes' (Arber, i. 556).

[2] I do not think that the office of Porter can be identified with that of Whifler or Usher provided for in the Ordinances of 1678, for this does not appear to have been a paid post, a fine of 10*s.* being inflicted for refusing to serve (Arber, i. 13). In 1580–1 the Porter was Giles Huke, one of the original members of the Company (Arber, i. 490).

a quarter in 1600, when the post was held by a Mr. Lodyham (p. 78). There is at the end of the Court minutes a memorandum (printed by Arber, ii. 886) of 8 July 1578 concerning the stock in the Hall, from which it appears that there was a surplus of twelve new swords and twelve daggers in the armoury—which by the way was the chapel (Arber, i. 88)—but that two platters, a dish, and three saucers were 'lacking in the buttrie'. No wonder it was the swordsman and not the bottleman who got his wages raised.

Master Printers

Though not in any sense officers of the Company, the master printers formed an important body whose membership and succession were strictly regulated. While we again get no orderly information respecting these from the minutes, we do get a number of sidelights that are not without interest. We have already seen how in 1591 Archbishop Whitgift intervened to secure for young Purfoot the succession to his father's place (p. xii, and see below, p. xli). On 4 Feb. 1600 the Court took notice that Thomas Judson had 'sold all his presses letters and printinge stuffe' to John Harrison III and did 'before this Court relinquyshe resigne and gyve vp his place of pryntyng as a mayster printer', agreeing 'neuer to erect printinge agayne nor vse or kepe a printing house as a master printer hereafter'. Whereupon it was decided that Harrison, having bought the plant, should be 'preferred therewith to vse printinge and kepe a printinge house' (p. 76). From the expressions used it becomes sufficiently plain what a master printer was, namely one authorized to keep one or more printing presses and employ his staff in working them. There seem to have been not more than about two dozen master printers at work at this time, and the privilege was jealously guarded.[1] Simon Stafford, who

[1] In May 1583 there were 23 Master Printers (including J. Wolf and J. Kingston, who were not members of the Company) possessing in all 53 presses: of these Christopher Barker, the Queen's Printer, owned five, and so did Wolf (including two 'found in a secret vaut'), while Day and Denham each had four (Arber, i. 248). By July 1586, immediately after the Star-chamber Decree, the number of master printers had risen to 25, while the number of presses was unaltered: Barker now had six and Wolf four, while six others had three apiece (Arber, v. lii). On 9 May 1615, upon the complaint of the master printers themselves concerning the number of presses erected among them, the Court made an order by consent limiting the number (Arber, iii. 699; Court Book C, fol. 38^{b}). The list includes the names of 19 printers, of whom 14 are to be allowed two presses each and 5 one press each. It does not include Robert Barker, the King's Printer, whose presses were evidently not to be subject to restriction, but it is probably otherwise complete, since it includes William Jaggard, Printer to the City. Supposing the Royal Printer to have reduced his presses to four, this would give a total of 20 printers and 37 presses. The Ordinances of 1678 provide for the *reduction* of the number of master printers to 20 besides the King's Printer and the Printers to the Universities, in pursuance of an Act of 1662 (Arber, i. 16, 14).

had been guilty of disorderly printing, was admitted through the intervention of the Star-chamber on his translation from the Drapers' Company in 1598 (p. 64).[1] And the Court kept a sharp eye on partnerships from this point of view. An interesting minute shows how Judson acquired the position he later sold to Harrison. It appears that on 15 Jan. 1584, he and John Windet entered into partnership for five years, during which time Windet was to be 'accoumpted the maister printer'. But although the agreement was for five years there was the queer proviso that 'yf after thexpiracion of the said fiue yeres they breake of from partenership by Wyndetes meanes without consent of the [Court], then from thensforth Iudson shall enioy the place of a maister printer accordinge to thelection that hathe ben alredy made wherein the choise hathe fallen vpon him' (p. 14). This seems pretty clearly to indicate that the election of master printers was a formal duty of the Court.[2] And similarly when

[1] The rights of freemen of other companies to exercise the craft of Stationers is a rather obscure matter. Arber writes (i. xvi): 'For many years members of the other Companies of London, like Abraham Veale and Andrew Mansell who belonged to the Drapers' Company, claimed the right of exercising the Art of a Stationer without taking up the freedom of this Company, and this right appears to have been recognized by the Law Officers of the City: but as a rule Publishers and especially Printers enrolled themselves among the Freemen of this Company; as in the cases of Christopher Barker, who, having become Queen's Printer, was translated from the Drapers' Company in 1578; and John Wolf the agitator who made a similar transfer from the Fishmongers' Company in 1583.' We have already seen (p. xi) that Richard Collins, changing the copy of his freedom, was transferred from the Goldsmiths' to the Stationers' Company a few months after his appointment as Clerk. The Charter seems to draw a sharp distinction between printing and the other branches of the craft in this connexion when it lays down that no person 'shall practise or exercise . . . the art or mistery of printing any book or any thing for sale or traffic . . . unless the same person . . . is or shall be one of the community of the foresaid mistery or art of Stationery of the foresaid City, or has therefore licence . . . by . . . letters patent' ('practizabit vel exercet . . . artem siue misteram *imprimendi uel excudendi* aliquem librum uel aliquam rem uendendum seu barganizandum . . . nisi eadem persona . . . sit uel erit una de communitate praedictae misterae siue artis Stacionarii ciuitatis praedictae, uel inde habeat licenciam . . . per literas patentes'). Arber here (i. xxx–xxxi) translates 'misteram imprimendi uel excudendi' simply as the 'mistery of printing', which is clearly correct, for *excudere*, literally to hammer out or forge, was a recognized equivalent of 'to print', and it is difficult to see how it could apply to anything but the actual production of a book. And when elsewhere the Charter uses the terms *excussor* and *excussio*, it is clear that, in spite of their questionable form, they are to be connected with the same verb (and not with *excutere* as might be supposed).

[2] 'Election' by the Court, at least after the Star-chamber Decree of 1586, had to be ratified by the Court of High Commission (see the following note). But apart from this, the 'succession' of a master printer seems to have been a very complicated matter, involving three really distinct factors, which Dr. McKerrow attempts to analyse provisionally as follows:

(1) Succession to the 'place' of a master printer, that is to the right of being a printer. Each separate establishment or partnership apparently had to include one member who had this right, but it was not necessary for more than one member to have it.

(2) Succession to a particular business, which might, it seems, be only a succession to the good-

William Hoskins, a master printer, took Chettle and Danter into partnership, it was provided, when the Court ratified the agreement on 3 Aug. 1591, that 'there shalbe not alienacion or transportinge made by hym to them or either of them or to any other of his rowm or place of a mayster printer without consent' of the Court (p. 38).

Minutes of 4 Mar. and 3 June 1588, relating to Mrs. Middleton and Thomas Orwin (pp. 26, 28), give some interesting particulars of the formal procedure of the election of master printers. Upon receipt of a letter from the Archbishop and others, the Court proceeded to elect a printer and present him to the High Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastical, whereupon he was admitted by the Archbishop and others.[1]

Apprentices

Another matter of organization, on which we get many interesting sidelights but no connected information, is apprenticeship. Although the admis-

will (and copyrights), though presumably it ordinarily implied that the predecessor's house or material, or both, was taken over.

(3) Succession to a house or to printing plant.

Thus if A, a recognized master printer, died, B might succeed to his place or recognition, but might purchase C's business and D's plant; while E, if already a master printer, might succeed to A's business.

[1] The procedure is that laid down in the Star-chamber Decree of 1586, of which the very wording seems to be reflected in the minutes. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London were to determine how many master printers there should be and notify the Master and Wardens when any fresh appointments were to be made. Thereupon the Court of Assistants were to make choice of one or more suitable persons, and these the Master, Wardens, and at least four Assistants were to present before the High Commissioners in Cause Ecclesiastical, or six or more of them, of whom the Archbishop or the Bishop should be one, whereupon the Commissioners or six of them, of whom the Archbishop should be one, might allow and admit the persons chosen (Arber, ii. 809). The importance of the part played by the Archbishop is obvious, and in fact it was he who in practice dictated the election of master printers when he chose. We have seen Whitgift directing Purfoot's succession in 1591 (p. 39), and at a later date we find two personal petitions of 1621 and 1624 to Abbot endorsed with his allowance 'I am content' (Arber, iii. 689).

One might suppose that previous to 1586 any Stationer who liked could act as a master printer, for among the proposals for the reform of the trade drawn up in July 1583 we find the recommendation 'none to set vp a Presse without lycense from the wardens and cumpanie' (Arber, ii. 785). This, however, can hardly have been the actual practice.

Thus the ultimate control of printing lay with the High Commissioners in Causes Ecclesiastical, otherwise the Court of High Commission. According to Arber (iii. 13) this 'was better known from the *camera stellata* at Westminster in which it sate as the "Court of the Star Chamber"'. But this is an error: the two were in fact distinct. The Court of High Commission was established by statute of 1 Eliz., whereas the Star-chamber was an offshoot of the Privy Council or the old *curia regis*, and can be traced by name as early as Edward III. Both Courts were abolished by Act of Parliament in 1641.

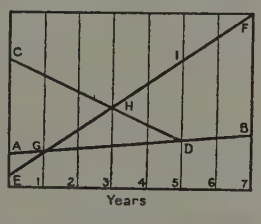
sion of apprentices, like the admission to the freedom and the clothing of the Livery, was a function of the Court (at least this was so in 1678: Arber, i. 5), there was of course a special section of the Register in which such admissions were recorded, and the cases only find exceptional mention in the minutes. The very first of these, however, records an order, taken for some special reason before the City Chamberlain,[1] that an apprentice shall serve his master for three years and then be made free (p. 1). If this was the whole term of the apprenticeship its unusually short duration would account for the interest shown by the Court,[2] but more probably the order was consequent upon some dispute between the master and an apprentice already bound to him. The original record of the apprenticeship is lost, but that of freedom follows in less than two years after the memorandum in the minutes. On another occasion the Court intervened to rectify an error in an indenture of apprenticeship (p. 71). The number of apprentices allowed was strictly regulated (cf. p. xliv), and we find several references to the keeping of apprentices in excess of the allowance. From the individual minutes it is often impossible to tell whether the conditions mentioned are of general application or peculiar to the case in hand, but at least some general idea emerges from a study of individual instances. An apprentice was to be provided by his master not only with his 'ordenarie woorkedaie apparell' but also with a fair suit and cloak 'fytt and mete for him in the iudgement of the master and wardens' (p. 14). The transfer of an apprentice from one master to another seems always to have required the consent of the Court, and involved the payment of 'duties' amounting to 2*s*. 6*d*. For neglecting this formality Allde was fined 5*s*. (p. 78). Possibly the apprentice payed a fee or deposit on being bound, and on transfer too money seems to have passed, though the nature of the payment is obscure

[1] The Chamberlain sometimes intervened in disputes between members of the Company. On 4 Feb. 1578, the Court of Aldermen, acting on Burghley's instructions, ordered that no suit should be brought in the name of the Chamberlain of the City 'against any stacioner for putting anie of their work vnto straungers or foreynes' (p. 5). This, one supposes, was a sequel to an order of 23 Jan. preceding, quoted by Arber (ii. 747) from the Repertories of the Court of Aldermen, whereby the Chamberlain was ordered to examine the complaints of certain Stationers against 'dyvers of the auncyenteste' of the Company, and further to stay such suits as had been commenced in his name against the same Stationers. Arber also prints the order of 4 Feb. from the Repertories (ii. 748). The trouble arose over the complaint of the binders that work was given to persons outside the Company, a matter of which we shall hear more (cf. p. lvi).

[2] The normal term of apprenticeship was not less than seven years, to terminate when the apprentice should have reached the age of at least twenty-four years, as laid down by an order of the Common Council of the City of 27 Sept. 1556, acting on a motion of the Court of Aldermen of the preceding 27 Aug. (Arber, i. xxxix, xli).

(p. 55). On two apprentices of a deceased master being put over to others, the widow received no less than £6 6*s.* 8*d.* (p. 15).[1] But sometimes an apprentice remained with a widow and she received a quarterly payment from the man for whom he worked (pp. 61–2).[2] If a master transferred his apprentice to some one else, he was apparently not allowed to take another till his former apprentice was out of his time (p. 55). On the premature conclusion of an apprenticeship we find the apprentice paying a fee of £3 of which 50*s.* went to his master and 10*s.* to the Hall (p. 10). Limitations were sometimes imposed. One John Penny, in respect of his 'necessary occasion', was allowed 'to take an apprentise to be emploied onely to byinge and sellinge of parchement and paper, and bindinge of paper bookes, and not to be putt to booksellinge printinge or bookbindinge' (p. 46). Evidently this was an apprentice to which he was not in the regular course entitled. Occasionally leave was granted to bind an apprentice vicariously, as when the Court agreed 'that Iohn Iackson shalbe alowed to take an apprentice who shalbe bound to Edward Bolyfant, for that the said Iohn Iackson is not free of this Company' (p. 40). Jackson was a Grocer and one of the partners in the Eliot's Court printing house: a previous apprentice of his had been bound to Richard Collins, the Clerk (Arber, ii. 140).[3] This right of vicarious apprenticeship was also exercised in favour of widows, as when Elizabeth Hawes was allowed to have Anthony Thomson bound to Mr. Seton, but to serve her so long as she remained a widow or was the wife of a Stationer 'capable for hym' (p. 85). It was, of course, the general rule that no foreigner or stranger could have an apprentice to serve him unless he was bound to a freeman of the Company. But some branches of the trade were less closely connected with the Company than others, and this was specially

[1] Dr. McKerrow contributes the following ingenious economic proposition. Since the master had to feed, clothe, lodge, and train his apprentice, and since at first the cost of this would be more than the profit derived from his work, it is evident that the man to whom an apprentice was transferred in the course of his term would be getting something of value, for which he would have to pay. Thus suppose *AB* is the cost of keep, rising slightly from the age of seventeen to twenty-four; *CD* the cost of training, above keep, diminishing as the apprentice gains experience; and *EF* the value of his work, increasing as he acquires skill: then at one point, *G* (at the end of his first year), he will be earning his keep (but not his instruction), and at a later point, *H* (at the end of his third year), he will have become an asset. When this happens his value will be the area *FHDB*. At the end of his fifth year his value will be the area *FIDB*, and so on. His initial value is the area *FHDB minus* the area *CHE*. (This ignores risk of death, &c.)



[2] This may mean merely that he boarded with her and the payment was for his keep.

[3] The Society's *Dictionary of Printers* is incorrect in stating that Collins's apprentice was 'transferred' to Jackson.

true of the bookbinders,[1] who complained bitterly of 'foreign' competition, and the Court recognized the danger of other companies, 'speciallie the inferiors', putting apprentices to alien bookbinders (pp. 4–5). The Government, it must be remembered, was interested in the regulation of printing and bookselling only, not in binding, and Burghley himself intervened to defend the freedom of that craft (p. 5). The most intriguing order of all concerning apprenticeship is, however, that of 19 May 1599, whereby a Mr. Stokes, of whom nothing further is known, was to pay John Jaggard 20*s.* 'in recompence of all former offences and losses done to Mr Jagger by Robert Bladen his apprentice' and to enter into a bond in £40 to indemnify Jaggard for 'so muche as shalbe proved the said apprentice dothe imbezill from his said master hereafter' (p. 71). It was, of course, strictly forbidden to train any one in the craft who was not formally bound as an apprentice. Thus we find that on 4 Aug. 1600 John Symons, a bookbinder, was not only ordered to put away a supernumerary apprentice, but was forbidden 'to bring vp his kinsman to his trade who is now with him' (p. 78).[2] On 4 Aug. 1600 we find mention of a Stationer 'kepinge moo prentices then he ought to doo by thorder of the lord maiors Court' (p. 78). This may have been some special restrictive ordinance, for the numbers were definitely regulated by the Star-chamber Decree of 1586. According to this any one who had held the office of Master or Upper Warden might keep three apprentices, Under Wardens and Liverymen two, and Yeomen one, provided in the last case that they were not journeymen, that is themselves working for wages (Arber, ii. 812).

Journeymen

The regulation of journeymen's service was another matter that from time to time exercised the Court, and we get occasional glimpses of the conditions of employment. A servant covenants for five years at £3 a year 'and meate drink lodginge and wasshinge of his lynen', it being expressly provided, how-

[1] Bookbinders appear to have been expressly included as Stationers in the Charter of the Company; at least this gave Master and Wardens the right to search the premises 'alicuius excussoris, impressoris, ligatoris seu uenditoris librorum' (Arber, i. xxxi). At the same time, as we have seen (p. xl), there was no need for a binder to be a member of the Company.

[2] The Ordinances of 1678 are quite explicit in laying down that 'no Master-Printer, or other Printer or Workman, . . . shall teach, direct or instruct any person . . . other than his . . . own Legitimate Son . . . in this Art or Mystery of Printing, who is not actually bound an Apprentice to some lawful authorised Printer', upon pain of a fine of £5 (Arber, i. 16). And in the register of fines is a memorandum of 7 July 1595 that Thomas Creede promised to enter into bond in £40 'not to teache Iohn Wilkynson the arte of pryntinge and to bring in his Indenture, to make the bonde by' (Arber, ii. 823).

ever, that he is to 'finde him selfe apparell withe his wages' (p. 3). Another servant, not living in, receives 2*s*. a week from his master, presumably a bookbinder, and is to 'woorke fyve dossen claspes a day', his master, however, 'cuttinge them out' (p. 1). Another agreement, this time with a time-expired apprentice, is for half a year at 18*d*. a week and 'meate drinck wasshinge lodginge' (p. 12). Debts due from a servant could be deducted from his wages (p. 2), and by an agreement of 20 Sept. 1578 a master is authorized to stop out of his servant's wages in the course of six months enough to make the latter 'a freeman of this Cyty'; the fee, so far as the Company was concerned, being 3*s*. 4*d*. (p. 8). The master was Thomas Dawson, the servant Thomas Cutler. The latter, the son of a tanner of Laxton [i.e. Lexden?] in Essex, had been apprenticed to Thomas Purfoot the elder on 29 Sept. 1563 for seven years (Arber, i. 228). He was therefore out of his time in 1570, but had omitted to take up his freedom. He duly did so on 3 June 1579, and it is interesting to observe that it was Purfoot and not Dawson who presented him (Arber, ii. 680).[1] There seems usually to have been at least a threat of unemployment among journeymen. The complaints of 1577–8 appear to have come especially from the binders, but they were probably not confined to them, and in 1582 we find the Court of Aldermen ordering an inquiry into wages and lack of work (Arber, ii. 770), while the same complaint runs like a burden through the dispute over privileges. Among the remedies proposed in a report drawn up in July 1583 it was suggested 'that every Printer should kepe a Iourney man for every apprentice' (Arber, ii. 785). We have already seen (p. xliv) the numbers of apprentices permitted, and this recommendation, had it ever become effective, would have provided work for at least an equal number of journeymen. We have also seen how extensive was the right to keep an apprentice. It is not clear who had the right to keep a journeyman, but it can hardly have been universal, for special leave was granted in 1601 to a poor and infirm workman to keep a servant 'so soone as any can be found for hym in the companye' but only 'so long as he shall not woork and take wages him self' (p. 83). Discipline too was exercised, and not in respect of prentices and journeymen only. The quality of a journeyman's work, if it failed to satisfy his master, was to be referred to the Master and Wardens for judgement (p. 88). Jasper Field, apparently a younger brother of Richard (to whom he was apprenticed on 7 Feb. 1592: Arber, ii. 179), took up his freedom on 3 Aug. 1601 (ii. 730),

[1] Arber (ii. 673) has a note implying that apprentices were presented (except of course in the case of patrimony or purchase) by the freeman under whom they 'were serving at the time they took up their freedom'. This was of course usually so, but strictly presentation was made by the person to whom they had been bound, if still alive.

and on 6 Dec. 1602 was ordered to pay 8*s*. damages to his master Edward Allde for 'departinge disorderly' from his work (p. 92). The penalty of imprisonment, though occasionally inflicted, was rare.[1] But fines were frequent. On the whole the Court was patient in the matter of payment, but there were limits. On 2 July 1601 the Renters and the Beadle or the Porter were directed to call on John Browne and Richard Oliffe, two minor Stationers, demanding their fines of half a crown a piece, due for buying Rowland's *Letting of Humour's Blood in the Head-vein*, and on refusal to commit the defaulters to ward (p. 81). Nor was criticism of the authorities encouraged. On 27 Jan. 1578 six members of the Company, elsewhere referred to as 'William Lobley and his confederates' (Arber, i. 478), acknowledged that in exhibiting 'complaintes againste the wardens and auncientes of their companie' they had not acted 'accordinge to their duetie, for which they are sorie' and 'doe heere humblie submitte themselues . . . as good bretheren' (p. 3). Presumably the 'complaintes' were those contained in a petition the heads of which are recorded and answered under the same date (p. 4).[2] We may suppose that the complaints had first been made 'disorderly', and that it was only on the formal submission of the complainants that the Court, which had been put to expenses of 20*s*. for counsels' fees, consented to receive and consider the petition.

Disputes between Members

Much of the time of the Court was naturally spent over disputes between members of the Company. Unfortunately we seldom get a statement of the cause of contention, though we can often infer its nature from the award. What compulsive powers the Court had, beyond those conferred by the Charter

[1] The register of fines shows that not all cases of imprisonment are recorded in the Court minutes (cf. e.g. Arber, ii. 824). Still it does not seem to have been common, and in several cases in which it had been incurred it was 'referred till another tyme' (cf. e.g. Arber, ii. 826, and p. 44). According to the Charter the power of imprisonment for disorderly printing was limited to three months without bail (Arber, i. xxxi): the term was raised to six months by the Decree of 1586 (Arber, ii. 811).

[2] The petition of 27 Jan. 1578 clearly concerned the bookbinders (p. 4) and 'Illorum nomina qui subscripserunt' the submission of the same date (p. 3) contain at least two known bookbinders (cf. p. 57). The binders had already made complaints on 21 Oct. previous (p. 3), and there were subsequent complaints from them in 1585–6 and in 1597. On the latter occasion the complaint was made to the Lord Mayor, and the Court of Aldermen appointed three of their number to report on the matter. This report is printed from the Repertories by Arber (iii. 40–2). The complaints were of lack of work, owing, it was alleged, to the employment of strangers and foreigners. Similarly the journeymen of the Company sent up a 'humble peticion of the pore prynters' to the Privy Council in the autumn of 1582 complaining of want of work (Arber, ii. 770), while on 1 Feb. 1586 the Yeomanry submitted to the Lord Mayor a complaint against the Court of Assistants, the nature of which is not known (Arber, ii. 800).

and Decree, I do not know, but as a rule its procedure was of the nature of arbitration. This is clear from the frequent appearance of a note to the effect that the parties had agreed to abide by the decision of the Court. A troublesome plaintiff like William Lobley might be required to bind himself in £20 to such submission (p. 11). Sometimes it was expressly provided that if the party in whose favour the award was made failed to get satisfaction, then, but only then, might he have recourse to law (p. 2). Indeed, to the credit of all be it said, the tendency was in the opposite direction.[1] For instance, when Dexter and Bradock were at law over certain covenants, the Court of Assistants intervened on 7 Dec. 1601, and 'by consent of bothe parties', it was ordered 'that all quarreles and sutes in lawe should from thenceforth surcease and ende' and the matter be determined by the Master and Upper Warden (p. 84). Whether in this instance the initiative came from the Queen's Court or the Company's is not clear, but in another very interesting case we are left in no such doubt. William Ponsonby had instituted proceedings in the Star-chamber against John Legatt, printer for the University of Cambridge, who was also a freeman of the Company, and a number of London booksellers, and that Court had referred the matter for decision to the Master of Requests and the Recorder of London. These in turn, on 20 Nov. 1600, referred the dispute, in so far as it concerned the London Stationers, to the Master and Wardens of the Company, who in their turn associated with them the Assistants for the further consideration of the matter (p. 80). It is noteworthy that though one of the defendants, John Harrison II, at first 'vtterlye refused to stand to theire order', and another, Richard Bankworth, having submitted proved recalcitrant and was reported to the Master and Recorder (p. 83), John Legatt on 8 May 1602 voluntarily consented to have his share in the action determined by the same Court (p. 87). This was, of course, the famous dispute over Sidney's *Arcadia*, to which we shall have to return later (p. lix).

But the authority of the Company's Court was not always sufficient for the protection of its members without recourse in its turn to the Star-chamber,

[1] The Ordinances of 1678 lay down strict injunctions that on any dispute arising between members of the Company 'for any Copy, Right, or any thing relating to Printing, Book-selling, or Book-binding', then before any suit be commenced it shall be submitted to the Court, which shall endeavour to compose the difference. For initiating a suit without such application to the Court a fine of £10 is appointed (Arber, i. 14). This apparently formulates the earlier practice, for at least twice, on 10 Aug. 1579 and again on 3 Sept. 1604, we find a Stationer mulcted (of 12*d*. and 10s.) for arresting a freeman of the Company 'without lycenc and contrary to order' or 'contrary to the vsage and custom of the Company' (Arber, ii. 850, 839). The position seems to have been that all disputes had to be submitted to the Court but that the disputants were not bound to accept its award.

and on 27 Jan. 1598 the Company undertook to share the costs of a suit which the partners in the Grammar and Accidence privilege were bringing against William Barley and Simon Stafford (p. 60). These were printers who belonged to the Drapers' and not to the Stationers' Company, and Stafford's press had been seized (p. 68). The decision of the Star-chamber is contained in an order of the Privy Council at Greenwich on 10 Sept. 1598, a copy of which was entered in the Court Book (p. 64). The Company was prepared to receive Stafford as a member and to procure his admission as a master printer, which would bring him within their jurisdiction, and Stafford is directed to avail himself of this offer, and not to erect any press until he shall have been so admitted.

The Court of Assistants, not unreasonably, often delegated its own powers of arbitration. I think we hear of this procedure for the first time on 2 June 1589, when a dispute between Tottell and Newbery was referred for decision to four of the Livery, two to be chosen by each party (p. 32). On 5 March 1593 disputes between Chettle and Danter and between Danter and Burby were referred to Dawson and Orwin for decision, the disputants agreeing to abide by the award of the 'comittees' (p. 46). The next month arbitration was again resorted to in a 'controuersie' between Tobie Cooke and Robert Roswell 'about an Ariosto in Englishe in coulours' (p. 46). The quarrel must have been over painting a set of plates for Harington's version of the *Orlando*. Copies with hand-coloured plates still survive.

Charity

An important and amiable function of the Court was the granting or administration of charity. There are numerous instances of small sums given in cases of distress. Even the troublesome Abel Jeffes received 2*s*. on 1 Mar. 1596, when he had drifted into some prison or other (p. 54); and the no less troublesome William Lobley had received on 1 Oct. 1582 the sum of 20*s*. 'in almes of the house' (p. 13). Sometimes the object was educational. On 11 Apr. 1580 the Court voted a 'benevolence' of 20*s*. a quarter to Thomas Draper, son of Widow Draper of Paul's Churchyard, 'toward his exhibicion' at All Souls, Oxford. Draper had influential backing, for on 9 Dec. 1583 the benevolence was raised to £5 a year 'vpon the request of the right honorable Sir Francis Walsingham' (p. 10).[1] He was at Oxford eight years before he took his M.A., towards the expenses of which he received a further grant of £3 on 3 June

[1] These payments are duly entered in the Wardens' accounts, but for some reason Arber sent the lad to Cambridge (i. 486).

1588 (p. 28). His exhibition continued to be paid down to 1592, when on 2 Oct. it was agreed that a final 25*s.* be paid him at Michaelmas, and that the benevolence should then 'clerely surcease for euer' (p. 43). Nevertheless a full £5 seems to have been paid in the year 1592–3 (Arber, i. 560). Similarly on 3 July 1585 a sum of £5 a year was voted towards the exhibition of Benjamin Gonneld, son of James Gonneld, past-Master, 'nowe student in Cambridge' (p. 17). This payment can only be traced as far as the year 1588–9, when he was admitted freeman 'per patrimonium' on 26 June (Arber, i. 533; ii. 705); but the exhibitioner may possibly be the same as the preacher, Mr. Benjamin Goneld, who was paid for delivering the election sermon in 1592 and again in 1594 (Arber, i. 554, 566). These grants were apparently made out of the ordinary revenue of the Company. But there were also special funds available. We catch a glimpse of a picturesque scene on 6 Mar. 1592, when William Norton, another past-Master, 'brought into the hall a wrytinge roled vp couered with paper, bound with packthred, and sealed vp with his seale . . . the which writinge, Mr Norton sayeth, is his last will', and the same 'at his request is put into the common chest where the evidence and plate of the hall are kept, beinge locked with three seuerall kayes kept by the master and wardens' (p. 40).[1] In 1593 Norton was once again elected to the Mastership, but he died during his term of office, and on 14 Dec. his will was solemnly opened and read in Court, before being delivered to the executor (p. 47). It devised to the Company certain property which to this day forms part of the endowment of the Stationers' School, and likewise an annuity of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* Of the latter £6 was to be lent to some young man or poor man of the company from three years to three years, upon good security but without interest (H. R. Plomer, *Wills of English Printers*, 1903, p. 32).[2] And thus on 10 Apr. 1598 we get an order that 'Thomas Lynburye is to haue sixe poundes of Mr Nortons money, puttinge in suerties for the repayement thereof accordinge to the limitacion of Mr Nortons will' (p. 60). On 16 Jan. 1599 we hear that William Wood is to have the use of £6 'whiche came in this yere by Mr Nortons bequest, puttinge in good suerties for yt accordinge to Mr Nortons will, and to haue yt duringe the tyme appointed by the said will' (p. 67); and again on 2 Apr. following that Robert Bolton is to have £6 'paid this day from [blank] Hodget, puttinge in sufficient suerties

[1] In 1678 the Common Seal of the Company 'together with the Plate, Jewels, Goods, Charters, Writings, Evidences', &c., were to be kept in a Chest 'to which there shall be three several Locks and Keys', one key to be kept by the Master, one by the Upper Warden, and one by the Under Warden (Arber, i. 10).

[2] A special book was kept for the records of this trust, the purchase of which in 1594–5 (along with Register C) we have already noticed (p. ix). There is another mention of 'the booke where Mr Nortons will is copied' among the 'specialties and mynumentes' in 1595–6 (Arber, i. 581).

for yt according to Mr Nortons will' (p. 70); on 2 Mar. 1601 we find a note that the money 'of Mr Nortons bequest that shall first come in shalbe lent to Mr Allen' (p. 81); and lastly on 18 Jan. 1602, 'Yt is ordered that Thomas Bedle shall haue the sixe poundes of Mr Nortons money that is nowe to come in' (p. 84). But there was also another similar bequest running, of which we hear first on 2 May 1597 in the following somewhat elliptical entry: 'Where xx^{li} were bequethed to the company to be lent out from two yeres to two yeres by v^{li} a pece to four yongemen of the Companye as by his will appereth, thelection for the first xx^{li} was made at a Court holden this day' (p. 57). There were twelve candidates, and election fell on Toby Cooke, William Reade, Richard Tommes, and Thomas Creede. They had to find 'goode suretyes two a pece, sufficient men not beinge of the Company' according to the terms of the will. It is characteristic that the Clerk should have been so intent on his elaborately legal phraseology that he forgot to mention by whose will the above provisions appeared. This, however, we learn later, when, on 19 May 1599, two fresh candidates, John Hodgets and James Herdson, have to find, this time, three sureties each for loans of £5 'accordinge to Mr Stuckies will' (p. 72), while again, on 18 Jan. 1602, there is mention of a loan to John Hardy out of 'the monney of Mr Stuckeies bequest' (p. 84). This was Thomas Stuckey, who died in Mar. 1596, and whose will containing the bequest (recorded in the Register of the Archdeaconry of London) was proved on 1 Apr. following.

Besides alms, exhibitions, and loans we find the Court likewise granting pensions. The earliest is recorded on 7 Oct. 1583, when it was agreed that Mother Sutton 'beinge a poore old woman' should 'haue of the benevolence of the cumpanie' 3*s*. 4*d*. a quarter, entry thereof 'to be made in the Renters book' (p. 14). This was clearly no more than recurrent alms. So on 7 July 1600 there was granted to Widow Danter 'toward the relief of her and her children' a yearly pension of 20*s*. to be paid 'by fyve shillinges a quarter by the wardens out of the poores accoumpt' (p. 78).[1] There was then besides the Renters' account out of which some of the benevolences were paid, a special charitable fund in the charge of the Wardens. To this there are plenty of other allusions in the minutes and elsewhere. It was furnished by a rate of sixpence in the pound levied on certain books, particularly by way of royalty on those the copyright of which was vested in the Company. The book in which the account was kept was known as the *Computus Pauperum* or 'the Book of sixpence in the pound'.[2] But there were also certain specific pensions available,

[1] For further instances see the Index, *s.v.* Pensions.

[2] The book is repeatedly mentioned as among the 'specialtyes and mynumentes' used by the Wardens in the preparation of their accounts and handed over to their successors. It seems

for on 5 Oct. 1601 it was ordered that Margaret Adams (the widow, I presume, of Frank Adams) should 'haue the next pencion that shall fall void' (p. 82), and again on 6 Dec. 1602 that 'Agnes Fidlinge late wife of Richard Fidling' should 'haue the next pencion of the companie that falleth voyd and the next place that falleth voyd of Mr Lambes gift' (p. 92). Fidling was a very insignificant member, but as he was an ancient Stationer of pre-Charter days his widow may have had some claim on the consideration of the Company. Mr. Lambe was William Lamb, Clothworker, who in 1567 gave money to the Company for charity and for an annual sermon on 6 May (Arber, v. xlvi).

House Property

Bequests to the Company also included house property, and this too had to be administered by the Court, and involved not a little work.[1] On 3 May 1602 Bing, Man, Ponsonby, and Waterson, 'or any three of them', were directed to take a bricklayer and a carpenter of their choice and view 'the house at Salutacion Alley', noting 'the defectes and decaies that be in the same', and to warn the tenant to repair them 'within six monethes accordinge to his leas' (p. 86). Soon after Ponsonby and others also viewed 'the rowmes letten to Mr Newsam' (p. 87). These were 'parcell of the common hall of the Corporation of Stationars', as we find them called in a detailed specification as early as 15 Apr. 1577 (p. 94). They consisted of two chambers; one to the east over the great parlour measured some 33 by 21 feet, the other to the west over the little parlour, giving onto the Dean of Paul's garden, about 20 feet square; they had a chimney each and glazed windows, there was a small entrance and buttery between them, and garrets above. There do not seem to have been any material alterations in the course of a quarter of a century between the two viewings. The rooms were originally leased, on 7 May 1577, to one John Punt, Pount, or Pont, and his wife Elizabeth (p. 93). John was dead by 1 Feb. 1591 (p. 36), and on 10 Apr. 1592 a 'Mr Pount' refused any longer to hold them at the rent of £6 a year and promised to give up possession by midsummer (p. 41).[2] On 18 Mar. 1594 we find the room over the great parlour in the occupa-

to appear first in 1584–5 as 'a booke of the collection and dystribucion concernynge of vj^{d} in the pound' (Arber, i. 512). Later (1592–3) it is simply called 'the booke of vj^{d} in the li. for the poore' (i. 563, 568, &c.). According to Arber (ii. 20) the rate was 6*d.* in the £ on the cost of production.

[1] The incorporation of the Company by royal Charter enabled it of course to hold property, but by the Charter itself this right was limited to the City and suburbs, and to the annual value of £20 (Arber, i. xxx).

[2] The minute speaks of 'Mr Pount' and the rooms 'in his handes', which on the face of it looks like an error. But most likely Elizabeth predeceased her husband, and the rooms remained in the possession of a son. This would be in accord with the legal position, for the lease was for

tion of John Wolf and that over the little parlour in the occupation of Mr. Newsam, but Wolf wished to move, and in future both rooms were to be let to Newsam at the old rent of £6 (p. 48). By 4 Nov. following we find John Newsam, Barber-surgeon, also renting 'one lyttle rowme in the celler of the house late of Iohn Pount . . . next to the stayre foote of the Stationers hall' and measuring 3 ft. 8 in. square, for 18*d.* a year as formerly paid by Pount (p. 50). Pount was already renting a room in the Hall in 1557, and apparently as early as 1554 paid 12*d.* 'for a yeres rent for his wyndow' (Arber, i. 67, 33).

The Hall buildings[1] were indeed turned to various uses. A fairly regular income accrued from letting the Hall itself for the annual 'Wardmote inquest' for 20*s.* The first occasion recorded in the minutes was in Jan. 1598, the last in Jan. 1603, and of the intervening years only 1601 is missed. The inquest included a dinner (p. 31), and the Hall is used for the same purpose to-day. It was also let for weddings.[2] The 'old chappell . . . in the hall', which had at some time been used as the armoury, was in 1601 more appropriately in the occupation of Bishop at a rent of 5*s.* a quarter (p. 82). Richard Collins, the Clerk, had a 'house alowed vnto him beinge parte of the hall' and shared with the Company the cost of repair and of emptying the cesspool (p. 67). He also had the use of 'the coumpting house in the hall' (p. 92). A counting-house, however, in the English of the day, might mean no more than a cupboard, or even a locked desk: there was 'a coumpting house' in the 'west chamber' over the little parlour (p. 87). We have just seen that between 1592 and 1594 John Wolf, the Beadle, rented one of the upper chambers, but an entry of 1 Feb. 1591 shows that he held some other room as well. For it was then agreed 'that a convenient printinghouse beinge prouided for Iohn Wolf out of the hall, some alowance to ward the charge thereof shalbe yeilded of the common

~~fifty two~~ years or the life of the survivor, whichever was the shorter term, and on 1 Feb. 1591 the Court agreed that the Master and Wardens should have power to re-let the rooms, which implies that the original lease had lapsed.

[1] For the history of the successive Halls of the Company see Arber (i. xxiv–xxvi). The original Hall, before the incorporation of the Company, stood in Milk Street, in Cripplegate Ward, just north of Cheap, on a site still owned by the Company. But in 1554 the Company acquired property adjoining the Deanery in the south-west corner of Paul's Churchyard, and it was here that stood the Hall with which we are concerned. It was in Castle Baynard Ward. Again in 1611 the Company purchased Abergavenny House, on the site of the present Hall, immediately west of Ave Maria Lane in the Ward of Farringdon Within, and converted the same to its use. This was the Hall that was burned in the Fire of London and afterwards rebuilt.

[2] The custom of letting the Hall, both for Wardmotes and weddings, was older than appears from the minutes. A list at the beginning of Register B (Arber, ii. 37–9) shows inquests held in 1579, 1581, 1585–6, 1589, 1591–3. The inquest was held 'in the twelue daies' of Christmas. The fee, originally 6*s.* 8*d.*, was 20*s.* from 1589 on. The Hall was also let for weddings in 1585, 1589, and 1590, the fees being 10*s.*, 10*s.*, and 5*s.* respectively: 10*s.* was charged in 1599 (p. 75).

charge of this house' (p. 36). This is obviously ambiguous, but perhaps the most likely interpretation is that Wolf had previously had his press in the Hall buildings and was paid compensation on being turned out. Wolf certainly occupied some tenement belonging to the Company from Michaelmas 1588, but this was in his capacity of Beadle, for possession was to be yielded by Mrs. Rider, whose husband Wolf had succeeded in that office the previous year (pp. 28, 29).

Another property is heard of on 26 March 1589, being 'the house and all other rowmes which Mres Iane Kevall conveied to the Company' (p. 31). This lady was the widow of Stephen Kevall, who on his death in 1571 divided his estate between the Company and the poor, with a life interest to his wife. Pursuant of an agreement of 6 May 1572 Hugh Woodcock, Salter, 'was offered to haue the preferment of a leas', but declined, and left it to the courtesy of the Court to allow him what consideration they thought fit for relinquishing his claim. In October he was awarded 40*s*. (p. 33), but this was apparently not paid, or not accepted, for on 26 June 1592 he asked for £4, and the Court acquiesced (pp. 41–2), the sum duly appearing in the Wardens' accounts for 1591–2 (Arber, i. 554). Nor was this the first time that the matter had come up, for the same accounts show that in 1580–1 the Company had contributed £3 3*s*. 4*d*. towards Woodcock's charges in law 'aboute Mrs Kevalles howzes in hir tyme' (Arber, i. 491). Moreover, house property came not only by legacy but by purchase. On 5 Oct. 1590 provision was made whereby William Norton and George Bishop were to purchase in their own names 'Mr Blandes howse' and make it over to the Company. A scrivener was specially called in to draw up this minute, as the writing and phraseology show, and another on 7 Dec. to make a further provision. Mr Blande may possibly have been Adam Bland, Skinner, who in the spring of 1558 paid 2*s*. 'for occupyenge of the hall at his maydes maryage' and gave a bond in £100 'that he shuld doo no iniury' to it (Arber, i. 71, 90), but the connexion is somewhat remote. He can hardly have been 'Bland the butler'.

Miscellaneous Affairs

Of course a hundred and one odd points come up for discussion. The famous Frankfort fair is mentioned in an interesting agreement, duly drawn up by a scrivener on 6 Dec. 1591, between the Company and 'the Vniuersitie of Cambridge and theire Printers', whereby for one month after the return from the fair the latter were to have choice of the books they wished to reprint, and upon entry in the Company's Register the rights in these were to be reserved to

them (p. 39).[1] On 26 March 1596, a loan having been levied on the City 'for the service of her maiestie toward provision of ships'—to wit 12 ships, 2 pinnaces, and 1200 men—and 'vpon the Lord maiours precept . . . directed to this Company' the Wardens were ordered to take up £40 for one year 'vpon their bondes' and at ten per cent chargeable to the Company (p. 54).[2] A yearly levy was that for Corn money to provide the City's store. This was imposed on the Company and somehow raised from its members. It appears variously in the accounts in a number of rather mysterious items, which are reflected in the minutes in 'an ouerplus of the Corne monney' and a 'gift of them interessed in the corne monney' which were to supply the benevolence for Draper's M.A. (p. 28). But the levy itself is straightforward enough. On 16 Jan. 1589 the Company was assessed at £10 (p. 30), and on 1 Feb. 1591 at 42 qrs. of wheat and 21 of rye (p. 36). Towards the end of the volume (pp. 89–90) is a list, undated but probably of about 1577, headed 'A copie of the bill of rates of corne for the Cyttie', and showing the assessment of the various Companies with corn at 35*s.* the quarter. The arithmetic of the list is shaky, but the data may nevertheless be reliable. The Stationers are assessed at 30 qrs. or £52 10*s.* (misentered as £52 1*s.*). The highest assessments are those of the

[1] This seems a handsome arrangement. But the relations between the Company and the University were not as a rule cordial. Exactly what took Thomas Norton, Grafton's predecessor as the Company's Counsel, 'to Cambridge, ridinge with letters from the Maior concerninge the Companie' in 1580–1, we do not know (Arber, i. 490). But the University complained to Burghley as their Chancellor on 14 June 1583, that the Wardens of the Company had seized the press of their printer Thomas Thomas (Arber, ii. 782). This they had apparently done in the course of a search ordered by the Bishop of London, who on his part had reported a fortnight before to Burghley as Lord Treasurer that the press was 'saide to belonge to one Thomas, a man (as I heare) vtterlie ignoraunte in printinge, and pretendinge that he entendeth to be the printer for the vniuersitie of Cambrige', and enclosing the Warden's report (Arber, i. 246 ff.). There were further appeals by the University to Burghley against the Company dated 1 May 1588 and 16 July 1591 (Arber, ii. 813, 819), the latter only a few months before the order set down in the minutes. Indeed, the struggle over the University's claim to print was continued far into the next century (see Arber's note on i. 490).

[2] This was perhaps a rather exceptional levy. But Arber prints (i. 480) from the Letter Books of the Court of Aldermen a document of about 1 July 1574 apportioning among the Companies a levy of 400 men to be provided by the City for 'the Queenes Maiesties shyppes'. The Stationers were to furnish five men. There was also a levy of gunpowder for the defence of the City, the precept for which dated 19 Aug. the same year is printed by Arber (i. 488, cf. 470). The Stationers were to provide three firkins of 60 pounds apiece, for which they seem to have paid £6 3*s.* In 1589–90 we find them paying £10 for two hundredweight (Arber, i. 539). Another levy of money for ships ('six shippes of warre and one pynnesse . . . for hir maiesties service by sea') by act of the Common Council of 16 June 1591 was in fact a venture in Howard and Ralegh's expeditions of 1591–2, as explained in the papers printed by Arber (i. 544, 552, 558). The Company adventured in all £94 8*s.* 3*d.* in 1591 and received 'from the cariche goodes' a total of £112 16*s.* by 10 July 1594, a rather poor return on the risk (Arber, i. 569).

Brewers and Leathersellers (60 qrs. or £105), the Cutlers (44 qrs. or £24 10*s.*!—should probably be 14 qrs.), and the White Bakers (36 qrs. or £63). The Dyers' assessment is the same as the Stationers'; the other thirty-seven are all lower. Lowest of all are those of the Bowyers, Fletchers, Woolmen, and Minstrells (1½ qrs. or £2 12*s.* 6*d.*). The total is given as 3000 qrs. costing £5250, but this must include other sources, for the assessments entered only add up to some 600 qrs. The list is, indeed, manifestly incomplete: for instance, neither the Drapers, Mercers, Grocers, nor Merchant-tailors appear, though they were among the most important companies of all.[1]

On 19 Apr. 1596 is recorded a grant of money and books of an unspecified amount to Andrew Maunsell towards his expenses in producing his famous *Catalogue of English Printed Books*, which he had dedicated to the Company the previous year (p. 54). But this money appears to have been contributed by private individuals, whose names were inscribed in a special volume. We touch greater issues in an order of 9 Dec. 1588, to pay 40*s.* for mending the pavement 'at the west end of Paules against the quenes late comminge thither' (p. 30). This was not a personal attention to her Majesty, but no doubt refers to the spot where the Company had its 'standinge' or allotted place when Elizabeth visited St. Paul's on 24 Nov. 1588 to return thanks for deliverance from the Armada. But national exaltation failed to rattle the Court out of its customary caution. The 'collectors' are only to be paid, at Christmas, provided that in the meantime they repair the pavement from the Hall to 'Paules dore'. I doubt whether the repaving proved satisfactory, for the collectors only succeeded in getting 30*s.*, instead of 40*s.*, out of the Wardens (Arber, i. 533). Any little saving was probably welcome, for their 'standinge', decorations, &c., and two days' dinners, had cost the Company £20 2*s.* 3*d.* The Company's usual 'standinge' for Lord Mayor's day—the 'oathday' as it was called; then 29 Oct.—was at the other, the east, end of Paul's, and this had been paved by private subscription among the leading Stationers as early as 1570–1 (Arber, i. 449). In this connexion I may mention another rather mysterious entry, on 29 Oct. 1595, of 2*s.* 6*d.* 'paid by the Wardens to Paules Daughter, for formes at Paules, on my lord maiors oatheday' (p. 52). It appears from the Wardens' accounts that the half-crown was in fact paid to the bellringers (Arber, i. 578).

[1] Arber (i. 480) prints from the Letter Books of the Court of Aldermen another assessment of about 1 July 1574, which does not add up correctly either, though the discrepancy is less, the assessment being for £5037 10*s.* and the total £4948 10*s.* Forty-four companies are named as against forty-three in the other, but they are not the same. The Stationers are assessed at £62 10*s.* In the Wardens' accounts of 1574–5 there is mention of a 'bill of the Chamberlen which . . . was taken vp of the Cumpanie for provision of corne Anno 1573' for this sum. The year 1573 was one of 'dearth without scarcity' according to Stow (Arber, i. 470).

Oathday always held out temptations to display and extravagance. On 4 Oct. 1585 the Court voted £4 'of the common stocke' towards the Company's dinner that day, the excess to be charged to 'euery man ratably': as an offset it 'adventured' a further £5 in twenty tickets 'in the lotterie nowe erected in London' (p. 17).

Special Questions

I must now pass from what I have termed matters of routine to the more special questions that from time to time came before the notice of the Court. Here, however, the wealth of material becomes more than ever embarrassing, and I can do no more than skim the surface. This, however, matters little, seeing that the records are themselves now in the hands of students, while I hope that the pains spent on the Index will make it a comparatively easy matter to thread the maze of the scattered memoranda.

Trade Regulation

We naturally get a good many sidelights on the regulation of printing and the allied trades. There are orders against standing formes, that is against keeping type set up from impression to impression, and likewise against double impressions, that is against printing more than the regulation number of copies from one setting of the type.[1] The numbers to be allowed of any particular book are often set down explicitly: 1000 to 1250 was the usual size of an edition, but we occasionally hear of 3000 copies being printed. There are attempts to control type-founding and to regulate the prices of books; also to impose conditions on the registering of foreign books as copy. Several orders relate to 'foreigners' or 'foreigns', a term which might mean aliens, or merely persons not free of the City or the Company. The mention of 'Frenchmen and straungers' (p. 4) shows that aliens were certainly in question, and from the parallel antithesis between 'Inglishemen and fremen of this citie' and 'strangers and foryners' (p. 3) and also from the distinction seemingly drawn between 'straungers' and 'foreynes from the liberties of this citie' (p. 5) it is perhaps legitimate to infer that by 'foreigns' are meant non-freemen, and by 'strangers' foreigners.[2] Preference is to be given to English freemen bookbinders, and a

[1] The full text of the ordinance was inscribed in the opening pages of the volume (fol. 6[a]), see Arber, ii. 43. The date is 11 Dec. 1587, not the spring of 1588, as queried by Arber.

[2] Arber (i. xl) states the distinction quite categorically: 'continental workmen then technically known as "strangers," or English workmen coming up from the country then technically distinguished as "foreigners," *i.e.* "from beyond the liberties of the City."'

guarded answer is returned to a petition against the employment of others: orders were made on the subject, but these it was difficult to enforce, since Burghley used the Lord Mayor's Court to put impediments in the way. The Company, as we have seen, kept a jealous eye on partnerships, owing to the limitation of the number of master printers. But 'partnership' was itself an ambiguous term. Sometimes it implied no more than an agreement to share in the publication of a particular book. At others it implied a regular firm of two or more members. But most often the term is used for the sharers in some printing privilege. We find orders for the printing of certain copies belonging to the Company, notably Statutes and Homilies which had been yielded to the Company by the Queen's Printer,[1] and the charges in these were to be borne by the booksellers who wished to take up copies. William Jaggard, or Jagger as he is called, gets the reversion of Charlewood's right to print 'billes for players'; but here he is up against James Roberts, who married Charlewood's widow. Certain entries after our present limits show that Jaggard was in some particular way associated with Worcester's and Queen Anne's men. John Stow gets £3 and 40 copies for his *Survey of London*, and £1 and 50 copies for his *Brief Chronicle*. In 1576 three books were confiscated 'by appointment of the Q. M. Commissioners' (pp. 86–7). One, 'A handfull of Delightes', evidently the lost edition of Clement Robinson's collection, was 'redeliuered' a year later, and so was another, untraced, called 'restorities to loue' (an error presumably for 'restoratives'); but the third, 'half a hundred of Gascoignes poesies', was retained. This was apparently not the quasi-surreptitious *Flowers*, issued during the author's absence in 1573, which caused some scandal, but the authorized *Posies* of 1575–6. The grounds of this confiscation are obscure. It is true that in 1572 apparently a petition to the Privy Council by Gascoigne's creditors, which deprived him of his seat for Midhurst, charged him with being 'a common rymer and a deviser of slaunderous pasquelles againste diverse personnes of greate callinge' (*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1851, ii. 243), but it is not clear that this can be connected with the present case, or indeed with any of his published works. It must be remembered that Gascoigne was now in

[1] Arber (ii. 786–8) prints from a Lansdowne manuscript a list of 'Bookes yeilded into the hands and dispocion of the Master, Wardeins, and Assistantes of the Mysterie of the Stacioners of London, for the reliefe of the poore of the saide Companie', dated 8 Jan. 1584. It begins with the Homilies and Statutes yielded by Barker, and includes a number of other works mentioned in the Court minutes, such as Tully's *Offices*, Baldwin's *Moral Philosophy*, and Quintus Curtius (yielded by Tottle), Justin's *Historia* (by Bynneman), Bullinger's *Decades* (by Newbery), and Ovid's *Metamorphosis* (by Denham). The surrender of these books was of course a move in the great struggle over privileges, but they are in fact the queerest assortment, and it looks as though many of them might not have been privilege books at all but ordinary copyrights. certainly.

favour at Court, and if there was interference with his works we should probably have heard more of the matter but for his death the following year. Another book staid on 25 June 1600 was Mulcaster's 'Catechismus schole Pauline', for which entrance was refused till further order; and on 29 Oct. *The Letting of Humour's Blood in the Head-vein*, a satire by Samuel Rowlands which had been duly licensed by Mr. Pasfield and registered on the 16th, was condemned,[1] along with 'A mery metinge or tis mery when knaues mete' (entered on 2 Sept. as licensed by Mr. Vycars), 'for that they conteyne matters vnfytt to be published: they to be burnt in the hall kytchen with other popishe bookes and thinges that were lately taken, and also Mr Darrell book lately printed concerning the casting out of Devilles', the identity of which is uncertain. Even so had Waldegrave's print of *The State of the Church of England* perished in the days of the Armada and Martin Marprelate, and a famous batch of satires only the year before (p. 72, and Arber, iii. 677–8).[2] As early as 1578 we find the Dutch 'brother'[3] Richard Skilders or Schilders in trouble for owning a press, not being a master printer, and printing part of a book for Hans Stell, no doubt *The Beehive of the Romish Church*,[4] while twenty years later Schilders was printing Psalters at Middelburg to be smuggled onto the English market. As late as 1601 there was trouble over an

[1] Apparently the burning of this book was a sufficient advertisement to make it worth reprinting, for on 4 Mar. 1601 and again on 1 Mar. 1602 Stationers were fined 2*s.* 6*d.* a piece 'for their disorders in buyinge of the bookes of humours lettinge blood in the vayne beinge newe printed after yt was first forbydden and burnt' (Arber, ii. 832–3). In all twenty-nine booksellers were fined including Richard Oliff and John Browne (miscalled G. Browne in the register of fines) as recorded in the minutes (p. 81).

[2] Another lot of books, unrecorded in the minutes, were burned in the Hall on 15 Aug. 1595 by order of the Archbishop (Arber, ii. 40).

[3] The status or position of a brother is very obscure. 'Brother' was the ordinary form of address at any rate for a Liveryman (who in 1678 was welcomed with the words 'Brother, you are Admitted to the Cloathing of this Company': Arber, i. 10), and it is evident that it often means no more than a member of the Company. Richard Tottell, formerly Master, is 'a lovinge and orderly brother in the cumpany' (p. 33) and Richard Braddock, soon after his clothing, is called 'a brother of our companye' (p. 66), the disorderly binders promise to be 'good bretheren of this companie' (p. 3), and when Manasses Bloome was admitted 'as a brother in thart of bookebyndinge' it is evident that he became an ordinary freeman (p. 57). However, the term was certainly also used in a more specialized sense. 'There was also a kind of honorary admission to Membership when a man was admitted as a "Brother"', says Arber (i. xl). And we find that in the admissions to freedom certain persons, usually bearing foreign names, are specified as 'brother' instead of 'freeman' and charged a smaller fee (e.g. Arber, i. 447). The fact is that 'brother' meant simply a member of the society, and it was the only term that could be applied to a person who was allowed the privileges of freedom though belonging neither to the Yeomanry nor the Livery.

[4] See J. Dover Wilson, 'Richard Schilders and the English Puritans', in *Transactions* (1900–11), xi. 72–3.

illicit press in Staffordshire, and many previous cases of surreptitious printing had been dealt with under the orders of the Star-chamber.[1]

Perhaps the most interesting and certainly the most notorious case of 'disorderly' printing or rather bookselling here recorded is that of the edition of Sidney's *Arcadia* printed at Edinburgh by Waldegrave in 1599, the year after Ponsonby had issued the first edition to contain the collected works of the author, and imported for piratical sale on the English market. The minutes of the Court allow us to add some details to the story as told by Mr. Plomer in *The Library* in 1900 (i. 195), and we have already watched from the constitutional side the devolution of the case from the Court of Star-chamber to that of Assistants. When we first hear of the matter on 20 Nov. 1600, it had already occupied the Court on at least three occasions, which shows how incomplete the extant minutes must be (p. 80). Ponsonby was the plaintiff and the defendants were John Harrison II, Richard Bankworth, and John Flasket. But one of the chief offenders was John Legatt, printer for the University of Cambridge, who with Harrison seems to have been the importer and who, with the assistance of his servant William Scarlet, had distributed copies to some of the actual vendors in London. Legatt was a member of the Stationers' Company, but since he was not a Londoner, his share in the transaction had not been submitted to the Court. Then Harrison refused to stand to the order of the Court, and the case was continued against the two remaining defendants. By their confessions it appeared that Bankworth had had 18 copies of Scarlet and Flasket 25 of Harrison, and the two were ordered to pay in damages and costs £5 'parte and parte lyke betwene them'. Flasket paid his share by 2 Apr. 1601; Bankworth on the other hand refused, and on 19 Oct. 1601 was reported to the Master of Requests and the Recorder of London, and we hear no more of his share in the matter (p. 83). Meanwhile Harrison had thought better of his refusal and on 21 July submitted to the Court. Ponsonby also agreed, and 'while the cause was in debatinge' the two awaited the result 'in the outer parlour' (p. 82). Harrison confessed to having had 500 'of the bookes of Arcadia printed in Scotland or elswhere by Walgraue' and was condemned in costs and damages to the amount of £10. This settled the matter as originally referred to the Master and Wardens. But the Star-chamber suit between Ponsonby, plaintiff, and Legatt 'and others', defendants, was still in being, while Scarlet, it would appear, had brought an action at common law against

[1] Surreptitious printing was of course one of the chief difficulties with which the Government and the Company had to contend in their endeavours to regulate the output of the press. We shall come across various instances of secret presses in the sequel (pp. lxii–lxiii), and the 'Press in a hole' is fully dealt with in the Ordinances of 1678 (Arber, i. 15).

Ponsonby for the seizure of 18 copies of the book. On 8 May 1602 these further actions were by the consent of the parties likewise referred to the decision of the Court of Assistants (pp. 87–8). The details are not very fully given, but Legatt was ordered to pay costs and damages to the amount of £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, and the 18 books were to be redelivered to Legatt. Whether these were the same 18 that Flasket confessed having had of Scarlet is not clear, presumably not. The total damages awarded were under £20, and the stock does not appear to have been confiscated or destroyed: it seems after all rather a ridiculous mouse for the legal mountain to have spawned. But no doubt Ponsonby's main concern was to ventilate the matter and get the importation of Waldegrave's piracy stopped. In this he was probably successful.

Three Main Categories

The bulk of these records, however, fall under one or other of three main heads. There are what we may call High Politics, the relation of the Company with the Government—as seen in the obtaining and administering of the orders of Star-chamber already mentioned—in which the Company is in fact acting as the agent or tool of Tudor statecraft. Then there are questions of Privilege and Patent, wherein the Company is regulating and defending certain rights enjoyed by individual members under arbitrary grants from the Crown. And lastly there are the disputes of Copyright arising between members.

The Company and the Government

The Charter of the Stationers' Company, granted in 1557, is now commonly regarded as in the main a master-stroke of Elizabethan politics. By concentrating the craft of printing books, and to a considerable extent their distribution, in the hands of a single society in London—if we except the authorized printers working for the universities of Oxford and Cambridge—the Government rendered the task of surveillance and control of the nation's reading comparatively easy. On the other hand, the monopoly it ensured to the members of the Company was valuable and gratifying, and no other interests existed of sufficient weight to form an effective opposition or even raise a vocal protest.[1]

[1] The aspect of the case that appealed to the Government is very clearly set forth in the preamble to the Charter: 'we, considering and manifestly perceiving that certain seditious and heretical books rhymes and treatises are daily published and printed by divers scandalous malicious schismatical and heretical persons, not only moving our subjects and lieges to sedition and disobedience against us, our crown and dignity, but also to renew and move very great and detestable heresies against the faith and sound catholic doctrine of Holy Mother Church, and wishing to provide a suitable remedy in this behalf,' &c. (Arber's translation, i. xxviii). On

Whether the day was a happy one either for the craft of printing or for the higher interests of literature is a question upon which rather divergent views have been held. No doubt advantages and disadvantages were combined and possibly pretty evenly balanced, but certain it is that during the reign of Elizabeth really good book production was on the whole rare, and that great and glorious as was the literature produced, it is never safe to forget that it was in some important respects a controlled output.

The same blending of governmental policy and private interest on the part of the Stationers marks certain further efforts to regulate the products of the press. But the initiative seems to have come from the Company. For in the autumn of 1584 we find the Court seeking to procure 'an act of parliament for confirmacion of the charter of the house or any other good aucthorytie on matters tendinge to the commodyty of the house' (p. 16).[1] This was at the time when the agitation against privileges was at its height, and there can be no doubt that what the Court had in mind was an extension of its own authority against recalcitrant members.[2] We hear no more of the matter in the minutes, but it is evident that the Privy Council took the opportunity thus afforded to tighten its control of the press. Early in 1586 'many of the ancientes and others of the cumpanye' were 'warned to attend before the counsell at the starre-

the other hand, the Stationers' view of the matter is no less clearly put by Christopher Barker and his fellow Warden Francis Coldock, writing later to Edmund Grindal, then Bishop of London: 'the printers and Stacioners of [London] obteined a chartre for a Corporacion, by reason of the disorders in pryntinge did soe greatlie encrease, to the ende we mighte restrayne manye evilles whiche would haue happened in the saide profession. By vertue of which corporacion we haue verye good and charitable ordynaunces, alsoe verie prouident to avoide the disordered behauior of prynters and suche troubles that mighte growe by printinge. Notwithstandinge all which yet is yt an endles toile to withstande the lewde attemptes of manie of our profession beinge even within our citie and at our elbowes and daielie looked vnto' (Arber, i. xxvii, 247). This was written in May 1583, and we shall see in a moment that the date is significant.

[1] The Charter had, of course, been confirmed in identical form after Elizabeth's accession, viz. on 10 Nov. 1559 (Arber, i. xxxii).

[2] There had, as we shall see, been serious complaints on the part of the Stationers who did not share in the privileges, and concurrently with these there had been the quarrel between the Company and the University of Cambridge already mentioned (p. liv). From documents printed by Arber (ii. 783–5) we find that the Privy Council had appointed Dr. John Hammond, Chancellor of London, and Thomas Norton, Counsel to the Company, as commissioners to examine and report on the complaints. The commission was subsequently enlarged by the addition of the Bishop, Dean, and Recorder of London. These in a report of 18 July 1583 endorsed the opinions of the former commissioners and forwarded to the Privy Council an abstract of their findings and proposals, which appear to have been considered in drawing up the Star-chamber Decree of 1586, though the provisions differ in important respects. It was six months after this report, on 8 Jan. 1584, that, as we have seen, the leading Stationers surrendered a number of their copies for the use of the poor of the Company (Arber, ii. 786–9).

chamber in a cause concerninge the whole bodie of the Cumpanye', and charges of a legal nature and for a dinner were incurred (p. 18). By the autumn we learn of the existence of 'late ordonances in the moste honnorable Courte of Starre-chamber whiche are exemplyfied vnder the greate seale of England concerninge reformation of abuses (and stablishinge of good orders) in printinge and bookesellinge', and active search and prosecution had begun (p. 20). These ordinances are, of course, the well-known decrees of 23 June 1586, which have been traced to the initiative of Whitgift.[1] We are here enabled to follow the operations under them in some detail. On 12 Oct. a press kept by Anthony Hill, contrary to the decree, he not being a master printer, is suppressed (p. 20). On the 17th Roger Ward is caught printing 'a book in verse intytled Englandes Albion beinge in English and not aucthorised to be printed, which he had ben forbidden to prynte, aswell by the Lord archbishop of Canterburye as also by the Wardens', and also a number of privilege books, and an order is made that his presses and type be defaced (p. 20). Now 'Englandes Albion' can only be Warner's *Albion's England*, which was duly entered on 7 Nov. following, with the licence of the Archbishop himself, and printed by Robinson for Cadman. Ward was a notorious pirate and a leader of the insurgents against privileges, and was in trouble again ten years later over a secret press.[2] Here his offence was an ordinary infringement of the rights of his fellow Stationers, but it is specifically under the new decrees that the Court takes action against him: 'forasmuche as all this he hathe donne contrarye to the late decrees of the honorable court of starre chamber'. One certainly gets the impression from these records that the increased powers of control afforded by the new procedure were welcomed no less by the authorities of the Company as strengthening their hands against unruly members, than they were by the political and ecclesiastical authorities as a weapon against sedition.

On 3 June 1588 we get an important list of those authorized to licence books for printing (pp. 28–9). The names of eight 'prechers and others' chosen by the Archbishop 'to haue the perusinge and alowinge of copies that are to be

[1] Printed *in extenso* by Arber from a copy on vellum in S. P. Dom., Eliz. 190, in the Record Office (ii. 807–12). He also printed an earlier but much less extensive or important decree of 29 June 1566 from a broadside (i. 322).

[2] See below, p. lxiii. Ward had succeeded Wolf as revolutionary leader. In 1583, as we have seen, it was the latter who kept two hidden presses besides his three ostensible ones (p. xxxix). But Ward was no new hand at the game. In Oct. 1582 the Wardens reported to Burghley that 'Roger Warde fainynge himselfe to be absente' his wife and servants had refused to allow a search (Arber, ii. 776), on 27 Aug. 1583 they proffered further complaint (ii. 785), while on 1 May 1586 the Privy Council issued direction for the trial of Roger Ward, then in prison, before the Bishop of London and his assessors (ii. 805). Of all this there is no trace in the Court minutes, which take up the tale of his delinquencies on 17 Oct. following (p. 20).

printed' are given, the hand of any one of whom shall be 'suffycient warrant for thalowance' of a book and its 'entringe into the hall booke'. Then a supplementary list of four is added, the hands of any two of whom shall suffice.[1]

No doubt the new decrees caused a certain amount of confusion in the trade and there was some rather obscure dealing. Thus in the summer of 1587 many books were seized and forfeited 'to her maiesties vse' (p. 23). The Queen, however, compounded for a money payment of £35 and the Stationers interested were invited to redeem their goods at this price. It looks as though the authorities had taken advantage of some technical offence to extort a little money.[2] Certainly much irregularity occurred and was dealt with in specific relation to the Star-chamber decree. Ward was again in trouble for disorderly printing in Mar. 1591, there were fines for printing without licence in 1594, and unauthorized sermons in 1591, 1595, and 1597. Ward was found working a secret press in 1596, Venge in 1597, and the same year Danter, Allde, and another had their presses defaced. One last matter should be mentioned in this connexion. At a Court of 27 Aug. 1596 James Roberts was fined 6*s.* 8*d.* for printing, and William Blackwall the like for putting to be printed, 'a booke called newe tydinges contrary to the honorable decrees of the starre chamber and the laudable ordinances of this Companye', and at the same time Thomas Millington was fined 2*s.* 6*d.* 'for printinge of a ballad contrarye to order' (p. 55). There then follows in a different hand and deleted: 'Md the ballad intuled [*sic*] The taming of a shrewe Also one other ballad of Macdobeth'. The forms of several letters as well as the whole style of writing of this addition are suspicious, and there can be no reasonable doubt that it is a modern fabrication.[3]

[1] The list of licensers was printed by Arber (iii. 690) from the notes of Sir John Lambe in the Record Office (S. P. Dom., Charles I, vol. 339, art. 87), with an erroneous note to the effect that no copy is extant at Stationers' Hall. He also gave the date as '30 Iunij 1588'. Such is, indeed, the date on Lambe's paper, but since this is headed: 'In the clerkes bookes of Stationers hall', it is evident that it is simply copied from the Court minutes, and the date must be Lambe's error. The correction solves (in part at least) Sir E. K. Chambers's puzzle over the inclusion of Robert Crowley, who died on 18 June (*The Elizabethan Stage*, iii. 168, note). Arber (iii. 17) considered that 'This authorization [to licence] was evidently provisional', due to the immediate apprehension of Spanish invasion. There seems nothing to warrant this view.

[2] There was another seizure of books 'for her maiesties vse', Psalters, Bibles, and Testaments, on 12 Aug. 1591 (Arber, ii. 39), but it is not mentioned in the minutes.

[3] The ink is different from that of the rest of the entry, though it is not a bad imitation. The last two letters of 'other' are partly lost owing to an abrasion of the surface of the paper. The last word could be read equally well as 'Macdobeth' or 'Macedbeth': Collier printed the former, and he ought to know. His discovery of the entry was published 1858 in his second edition of Shakespeare (v. 382).

Next, something must be said about Privileges. These were granted by Letters Patent, and we actually find some of the latter here recorded. On 26 Mar. 1594 'Mr Charles Yetswerit Esqr. notified vnto the Company her maiesties graunt by lettres patentes vnder the great seale of England . . . concernynge the bookes of Common Lawe, and thabridgementes of Mr Rastell and Mr Poulton' (pp. 48–9). But Yetsweirt died a year later, and though his widow held the patent till 1597, on 10 Mar. 1599 a new patent 'of the bookes concerninge the Common Lawe' was granted to Bonham Norton and Thomas Wight (p. 70). On 6 Oct. 1598 'Mr Thomas Morley one of the gentlemen of her maiesties Chappell' announced his patent for twenty-one years 'of the sole printynge of sett songes in partes and in any tonge servinge for the musick either of church or chamber and also for the rulinge of any paper by impression to serue for the pricking or printinge of any songe or songes' (p. 65). Another odd privilege was that for playing-cards. A grant for their importation had long been held by one Ralph Bowes, but on 13 June 1588 his patent was extended to cover the printing of them likewise, and for this purpose he sought to become a Stationer. On 25 June we read: 'Vpon the report of Mr Grafton [the Company's Counsel] signifyinge that Mr Raphe Bowes Esqr. is desirous to be a freman of the city and of this Cumpany, yt is agreed that vpon his request he shalbe receaued' (p. 29). Bowes was actually made free on 23 Sept. 'per redemptionem' on payment of 23*s.* 4*d.* (Arber, ii. 703), and his entry of the 'mowldes' in the register of copies is dated 18 Oct. (ii. 503). Further, on 3 Nov. 1600, we find it ordered 'that Mr Darcie vppon the shewinge of his lettres patentes the next Court day shall haue entered as Mr Bowes had the two sutes of mouldes for playing cardes which were entred to Mr Bowes xj [*sic*] octobre 1588' (p. 79). The Society's *Dictionary of Printers* supposes Bowes to have held the privilege up to '? 1600', but as a matter of fact the patent to Edward D'Arcy is dated 11 Aug. 1598 (Arber, ii. 16), a date which serves to identify this Ralph Bowes with the Master of the Royal Game of Bears, Bulls, and Mastiff Dogs, of whom Henslowe and Alleyn long held a licence for baiting at Paris Garden, and who is known to have died in June 1598.

These patents and privileges, many of which were for popular, legal, devotional, or school books, were valuable properties, and the granting of them caused great discontent among the less-favoured printers. John Wolf, who was a Fishmonger and at one time the leader of the malcontents, is reported to have declared that the Queen had no right to grant privileges, and that 'Luther was but one man, and reformed all the world for religion, and I am

that one man, that must and will reforme the gouernement in this trade' of printing and bookselling (Arber, ii. 782). Wolf was bought off by being given a share in Day's patent, and became the Company's Beadle, and the leadership fell to Roger Ward, whom we have already found attempting a piracy on *Albion's England*, and who also infringed Day's rights. The period of the dispute, which lasted roughly from 1580 to 1585 and ended in certain concessions to the insurgents, is covered by the present series of minutes, but we find little more than incidental reference to it.[1] The Company itself was in some sort involved or at least supported the claims of its members. For on 12 Oct. 1591 it was agreed that the Beadle should 'assist . . . Richard Day in prosecuting remedy against Iohn Legat, the printer of Cambridge', for an alleged infringement of his privilege in 'the psalmes of David in meeter', and that the partners in the privilege should 'allowe vnto him for his charges and consideracion for his paynes and travaile herein accordinge to the iudgement of a Court of Assistentes' (p. 39). Moreover, in 1589 when trouble had arisen through Windet printing Dr. Timothy Bright's abridgement of Fox's *Book of Martyrs*, which was another of Day's privileges, the Court agreed to hold the Master and Wardens

[1] The history of the struggle over privileges is a long one, and Arber prints a number of important documents bearing on it. On 5 Feb. 1576 the Company itself petitioned Burghley against a proposed grant of 'a priviledge for the sole imprintinge of all balades, Damaske paper, and bokes in prose or meetre from the quantitie of one sheete of paper to four and twentie', certainly a generous proposal (i. 468). But Elizabeth had already granted many privileges of less extent, and a number of these, belonging to Jugge, Tottell, Day, Roberts, Watkins, Marsh, Vautrollier, Seres, and Flower, are enumerated in a complaint signed by a number of Stationers about Aug. 1577 (i. 111). In it mention is made that 'One Byrde a singingman hathe a licence for printinge of all musicke bookes, and by that meanes he claimeth the printing of ruled paper'. This was William Byrd, the composer, and organist of the Chapel Royal, to whom, jointly with Thomas Tallis, a monopoly for twenty-one years was granted on 22 Jan. 1575 (Arber i. 144; ii. 15, 775), a privilege subsequently renewed, as above, to his pupil Thomas Morley. In Dec. 1582 Christopher Barker, then Upper Warden, drew up for Burghley an exhaustive report on the existing privileges (i. 114–6, 144). Vautrollier's Letters Patent for privileges in a number of books was dated 19 June 1574 (ii. 746), but he already held privileges for others, as appears from a list entered at the end of Register B, after the Court minutes (ii. 886). On 4 May 1586 a memorandum was submitted to the Privy Council on behalf of the patentees setting forth the arguments in favour of privileges for books (ii. 804). This was no doubt drawn up in anticipation of the expected order of the Star-chamber. But already the patentees had been forced, or had at least thought it wise, to surrender a number of their privileges for the benefit of the poor of the Company, which they did in a document of which mention has already been made (see above, p. lvii, and Arber, ii. 786–9). It should be added that the abstract of suggested reforms submitted to the Privy Council on 18 July 1583 contains certain proposals with regard to limiting privileges. One recommendation is that in future 'no generall title of bookes of arte nor scholle bookes, except bookes perteyning to her maiesties service, be not drawen into priviledge'; another 'That Marshe and Vautrouller haveng the sole printing of schole bookes maye be treated withall to chose some sortes and leave the rest' (Arber, ii. 785).

indemnified 'for all suche sommes of monnie and dammages as shall or maie be claymed' against them before the Privy Council or otherwise, though how they had become involved in the dispute is not clear (pp. 30–2).

Several individual disputes over privilege books present features of interest. Among such books were those of private prayers,[1] and there was an obvious temptation to stretch the term. In 1579 Thomas Dawson printed a book called *A Handful of Honeysuckles*, which Henry Denham, the patent holder, 'pretendyd . . . to be a prayer booke'. On 10 Aug. Dawson was ordered to deliver the remaining stock to Denham at the rate of 8*s*. a hundred, and in reprinting to 'leaue out all suche titles and notes as doo shewe or declare the same to conteyne any prayer or prayers' (p. 9).[2] However, a later minute of 6 Dec. 1585 awarded the copy to Dawson, and ordered Denham to pay him £4 for having printed the book 'diuerse tymes theretofore to thiniurie of the said Dason' and £2 to secure the copyright (p. 18). Evidently Denham, on the strength of the order of 1579, had proceeded to treat the copy as his own, and burned his fingers.[3] Moreover, he had prejudiced his case by high-handed dealing with the rights of others as well, for in the interval he had printed a book called *The Diamond of Devotion*, part of which was lifted from *The Footpath of Faith*, which belonged to Edward White, and on 9 Jan. 1582 he was ordered to pay £3 6*s*. 8*d*. damages (p. 12).[4] If this was the way privileged printers behaved

[1] The Book of Common Prayer was, of course, the privilege of the Queen's Printer. We learn, from a report drawn up for Burghley in Dec. 1582 by Christopher Barker, Upper Warden at the time, that the privilege for 'bookes of priuate prayer whatsoever in Latin and English' belonged to William Seres, but was in fact 'executed by Henry Denham', presumably under licence from the patentee (Arber, i. 116). Barker adds a caustic comment that the privilege was not in itself of much value, but that it served to 'kepe back the infinite nomber of vnfrutefull prayer bookes, which vnskilfull persons do contynually offer to make'.

[2] The same day Denham was fined 12*d*. for arresting a freeman of the Company without leave of the Court (Arber, ii. 850). Had he gone so far as to lay hands on Dawson before the Court intervened?

[3] Denham had in fact appended a reprint of it to W. Hunnis's metrical version of the penetential psalms, which he issued in 1583 under the title of *Seven Sobs of a Sorrowful Soul for Sin*. This is the earliest edition of the *Handful of Honeysuckles* now known. Denham had duly entered the *Seven Sobs* (under the title of *Seven Steps to Heaven*) as his own copy on 7 Nov. 1581, with the record 'whereunto are added the Honny Succles and the Wydoes Myte', paying a treble fee (Arber, ii. 403; cf. p. 18).

[4] This is probably a more complicated business than appears on the surface. White's book was Abraham Fleming's 'Footepath of Faith, leading the Highwaie to Heauen' (*S. T. C.*, 11039). I can only trace *The Diamond of Devotion* in print as the general title of a collection of treatises of Fleming's, the first of which is 'The Footepath to Felicitie' (Herbert 961; cf. *S. T. C.*, 11041–4), a work distinct from 'The Footepath of Faith'. Now this may or may not be 'The Dyamond of Devocion for Land and Sea' which Denham had registered on 30 June 1581. If it is, then possibly Fleming had been plagiarizing from himself and planting the stuff on a different

it is not surprising that they were unpopular or that they cut rather a mean figure in the fight. Early in 1584 there was also disorderly printing of Primers in which Denham was interested; thirty-two reams were seized under 'a warrant from the lordes of the counsell to the late lord maior', and an order was obtained against a Draper of the name of Wright, in whose hands they were found, but this likewise was subsequently set aside (pp. 14–5). In this last transaction Ward had taken a hand, and it may have been a deliberate move in the insurgents' game.[1]

In time many of the privileges came into the hands of syndicates, and we get some interesting details of their operations. In cases where several booksellers arranged to share an edition of some particular work, or were in any loose manner in partnership together, the printer would of course deliver the stock to the different parties according to agreement. But even over this difficulties sometimes arose, for on 30 Sept. 1584 we find an order to the effect that 'as often as any booke betwene parteners shalbe printed the printer shall deliuer the wast to the best of the parteners to the behoof of the rest to make vp those that be vnperfect' (p. 16). Characteristically the order gives no hint as to how the printer was to know which partner was the 'best', and grammar notwithstanding it was presumably the books and not the partners that were 'vnperfect'. In privilege partnerships more elaborate organization was the rule. Thus on 18 Mar. 1594 a formal election was held of a treasurer and four stockkeepers in connexion with 'Mr Seres and Mr Dayes preuileges', which consisted mostly of Psalmes and Catechisms. There was some competition on this occasion, three candidates appearing for the treasurership, which fell to Richard Watkins, and six for the stockkeeping, election falling on Ralph Newbery, Thomas Wight, William Ponsonby, and Edward White (p. 48).[2] On the

publisher, and it seems rather hard lines to hold Denham responsible. It is true that I have not observed anything common to the two *Footpaths*.

[1] The sheets had been confiscated and brought into the Hall, and the award assigned them to Denham and his partners on a payment to Wright of 4*s*. a ream, that is £6 8*s*. for the lot. Wright, who may of course only have been housing the stock for the piratical printer, apparently refused the offer, which was made on 6 Apr. At a subsequent Court on 4 May Roger Ward offered Wright a further £5, i.e. £11 8*s*. in all, if he would accept the award. But Wright still refused and the order was cancelled by consent. Presumably the sheets remained in the Hall. Considering Ward's character we may be pretty sure that there was something shady in the proposal, though it is difficult to guess what his game can have been. Anyway, feeling seems to have run high, for at the original Court of 6 Apr. Denham was fined 20*s*. (afterwards remitted) 'for vsing vndecent speaches to the elder warden' (Arber, ii. 856).

[2] The minute in question is rather difficult of interpretation (see p. lxxix). Ostensibly the elections seem to apply to Day's privilege only. But 'many of the parteners' in both privileges were present, and I fancy that the memorandum 'Yt is agreed by the said parteners present that the

other hand, in 1600—the election was annual—there was no such competition: Seton and Leake were both shy of the office of treasurer, and John Newbery expected some gratification for taking another man's place as stockkeeper (p. 76).

Among Day's privilege books was Fox's *Book of Martyrs*, evidently a valuable property of which we find repeated mention. On one occasion when the printing of an edition came up for discussion before the Court, the Clerk entered a list of the partners with their respective shares. The latter are indicated by the letter 'C' after the name of the partner: in the cases of Watkins and Wight the 'C' is doubled. Evidently an edition of 1200 is contemplated, of which eight partners take 100 each, while two take 200 (p. 51).

Among the latest of the notes at the end of the minutes is a memorandum of 'The newe patent from the kinge to the Company of the preuileges of the psalters, psalms, prymers, almanackes and other bookes, dated 29 octobre' 1603 (p. 94). The grant is printed in full by Arber (iii. 42–4) from the Patent Roll: it mentions Primers, Psalters, Psalms in metre or prose, Almanacks, and Prognostications, and is in favour of the Company, and in perpetuity. What relation this bore to earlier privileges is not clear, but we observe that it is specially recorded that the patent 'was openly redd and published in the hall to a Court of assistentes and the parteners &c.', that is presumably the partners in the privileges whose claims might be affected. It is possible, however, that the Company's claim was not wholly new. It had, of course, acquired the right in a number of books through surrender of privileges in 1584, and this included Watkins's right to print broadside Almanacks (Arber, ii. 787). It is possible that it had been accumulating others since. In 1591 the partners in Day's privilege claimed the right in 'the psalmes of David in meeter' (p. 39), yet when, on 1 Oct. 1599, the Court allowed Man to enter—'Vide Registrum Copiarum'—'the psalmes of David in French', namely the metrical version by Clément Marot and Théodore de Bèze (Arber, iii. 148), it provided for a royalty of 20*s.* to be paid to the Company on each impression (p. 74). This may, of course, have been treated not as a privilege book but as one of the foreign copies reprints of which, as we shall see, were subject to special regulations. But in view of the Jacobean privilege it seems possible that Day's original patent may have been surrendered to the society. After the formal grant to the Company an organization was set up similar to the treasurers and stock-

lyke course for eleccion . . . shalbe obserued' in respect of Seres's privilege 'which is according to thentent of their articles of partenership' means that the officers elected were to serve for both privileges, and possibly that the two interests had in fact been merged. In later minutes they are usually spoken of together.

keepers appointed by the partners in other privileges, for we learn from Court Book C (fol. 4[b]) that on 31 July 1604 'Mr Burby and Mr Adams are this day chosen to be in the lyuery, ioyned to the Master and Wardens, in the dealinges of the accoumptes and affayres of the newe preuilege: lykewise Mr Hooper and Mr Feild for the Assistentes'.

Copyright

We come at last to the question of copyright, perhaps the most interesting and important of the many upon which the Court minutes throw light. Perhaps also the most difficult. It was not the intention or the business of the Clerk to set forth a theory of the subject, or even to state common practice; all he had to do was to record the decision reached, often by agreement and compromise, in individual cases. Naturally, therefore, the records are both allusive and elusive. The language too is frequently obscure, and even when its purport has been disentangled it is often difficult to determine what relation the particular decision bears to general practice and that wider conception of craft custom that was evidently gradually crystallizing into something of the nature of a common law for the trade. The evidence of these minutes, before it can be used for the purpose of any scientific historical investigation of the subject, needs collating and correlating with that derived from a number of other sources. This, however, is a task far beyond the limits of this Introduction, and one for which the time is yet hardly ripe, since much of the available material yet remains unpublished. All that can be done here is to draw attention to some individual memoranda, and indicate briefly what appears to be their general significance.

We get a definite statement of the three requisites of orderly printing in 1597, namely 'aucthoritie', that is allowance by one of the official correctors of the press (see p. lxii), 'lycence' by the Warden, and 'entraunce' in the register of copies (p. 57).[1] No doubt the last would be normally taken as evidence of

[1] The statement is actually made in the negative form: a book is said to have been printed 'disorderlie without aucthoritie lycence and entraunce', but I think the affirmative form is legitimate, though the implication may not be strictly logical. It is noteworthy that 'and' has been substituted for 'or': had the disjunction been allowed to stand it might have been argued that any one of the three operations would have rendered the printing orderly. Further, I think there can be no doubt that by 'aucthoritie' is meant the official allowance, and by 'lycence' that of the Warden, and not *vice versa*. The hand of the corrector was said 'to be suffycient warrant for thalowance' of a book (p. 29), whereas the fees gathered by the Wardens for the entrance of copies are regularly described in the accounts as 'Receaued for licencinge of copies' (e.g. Arber, i. 475, 577), and it was 'Lycences for pryntinge of copies' that the Clerk had charge to enter (p. xi). We, with our different terminology, naturally think of the censor licensing a book, and the Warden authorizing its entrance on the strength of the licence; but the term 'licence' was in common use in the Register from the start to mean allowance by the Company.

the former two: how far those two were independent is a doubtful point, upon which the minutes throw no light. Practically it was entrance that conferred and was evidence of copyright, and as a rule priority of entrance would substantiate a claim. When Jeffes 'claymed' *Doctor Faustus* about May 1592 it was ordered that the copy should be his unless it should 'be found in the hall book entred to Richard Oliff' before that date (p. 44). Oliff's claim seems to have been derived from Orwin, who had in fact printed the book, but no entry had been made, and Jeffes, whose claim was advanced in some other way than by entrance, obtained the copy, for he was able to transfer his right to Edward White in 1596 (Arber, iii. 63). On the other hand, a case came up in Jan. 1599 in which a certain copy had been entered by Man on 31 Mar. 1598 and by Bing and Ponsonby on 17 Oct. following, and the Court decided that the three should have equal shares therein (p. 67). There must presumably have been some special circumstances in the case to lead to what on the surface appears a cavalier treatment of the prior claim. Certainly, as possibly foreshadowed in the *Faustus* case, the Court does seem to have recognized the possibility of some sort of claim or right in a copy apart from entrance. This emerges from a singularly involved decision of 19 Jan. 1598 'Against printinge for forens to the Company' (p. 59). The trouble was that certain printers had been getting copies entered to them and then printing them to the order of persons outside the Company, and the remedy proposed was to forbid any Stationer to 'print or cause to be printed any copie or booke which shall not be proper to hym self and whereof he shall not reape the whole benefit to his own vse by sellinge it in the Company'. This clearly recognizes that the actual property in a copy might belong to some one other than the person entering the same, and that therefore it was not entrance itself that conferred the right. But it would no doubt be a mistake to read into the rather loose phraseology any deep legal significance.

However, the possibility of such a conception may be not without importance in another connexion. It has often been supposed that the only way in which an author could make money out of a work was by selling the actual manuscript to a publisher outright, and that he could have no interest in subsequent editions. This, however, does not seem to have been always the case.[1] Stow,

[1] Dr. McKerrow very pertinently observes that much of the obscurity that surrounds the relation of author and publisher may be due to the fact that the records as a rule simply ignore what passed between them as not coming within the jurisdiction of the Court. He suggests that an author might sell his manuscript in one of two ways, either (1) for an outright payment, in which case he had no concern in reprints, or (2) by giving permission to print an edition of a specified number of copies. In the latter case he might come into conflict with the Company, which would insist on a particular Stationer entering it, and would then allow no one else to

as we have seen, received remuneration in 1602 both for his *Survey of London* and his *Summary of English Chronicles*, and the editions in question were not the first. In this instance, however, there had of course been additions to or revision of the earlier impressions, for we are particularly informed that the payment was 'for his paynes' in the books (p. 90).[1] But this is less likely in a complicated case a few weeks earlier. Burby and Dexter had both brought out reprints of a book called *The English Schoolmaster*, the former having printed 500 and the latter 1500. The Court decided that both had 'broken thordonnances', ordered Dexter to hand over 500 copies to Burby, and directed that all costs of production were to be shared. It would seem, therefore, that the reprints were similar, and since it is also unlikely that the author would have delivered revisions to both printers, the presumption is that the reprints were unrevised.[2] Yet the provision for sharing the costs reads: 'And all charges aswell to the aucthor as otherwise to be equally borne betwene them parte and parte like' (p. 88).

The facts in the case just cited, on which the Court decided that both stationers had 'broken thordonnances of the company', are not without interest. The copy had been entered on 18 Dec. 1596 by Jackson and Dexter jointly, and on 27 Apr. 1602 Jackson had transferred it to Burby. Obviously Jackson could only transfer his own moiety, so that the rights were now held jointly by Dexter and Burby. Each had proceeded to treat the copy as his own. The decision of the Court accords with the facts as known from other sources,

publish it. In this connexion he draws attention to a very interesting note that has found its way (quite exceptionally one would suppose) into the register of copies under the date 24 Oct. 1586. The entry is that by Bishop and Windet of Timothy Bright's *Treatise of Melancholy*, and there is appended a memorandum 'that Mr Doctor Bright hathe promised not to medle with augmentinge or alteringe the said book vntill thimpression which is printed by the said Iohn Windet be sold' (Arber, ii. 457). This seems clearly to envisage the possibility of Bright revising the work and getting another edition issued by a different stationer. Still, there was certainly something unusual about the circumstances of this entry, for Bishop's name does not appear in Windet's edition, and there was another edition of the same date by Vautrollier.

[1] The *Survey* had first appeared in 1598–9: the edition of 1603 in question here was the second and the last revised by Stow. The edition of the *Summary* intended did not appear till 1604. It was the eleventh and last: the first appeared in 1565 and the work was regularly brought up to date. Indeed the edition of 1604 was entered as if it were a new book. The copy belonged to the Company and the printer was to pay 6*d*. in the pound. (It was, I presume, the 'breife Chronicle' surrendered by the assignes of Bynneman's privilege in 1584: Arber, ii. 788.) I suspect the same may have been the case with the *Survey*: else why should the Court decide Stow's remuneration? Windet printed the 1603 edition as 'Printer to the honorable Citie of London'.

[2] As it happens no copy of the edition of 1602 survives, so that it is not possible to be quite certain. However, the edition of 1636 is substantially the same as that of 1596 with the addition of some writing models. Seven editions are known before 1641 (out of at least twenty-six) all apparently surviving in unique copies.

except that whereas Burby was fined 20*s.* Dexter was let off with 3*s.* 4*d.*, a discrepancy for which there is no apparent explanation.[1] In this case it is clear that the entries in the register of copies adequately express the actual facts. But this was not always so. We know from the Court Book that the property in Matthew Sutcliffe's book *De Missa Papistica* was divided into ten shares and that one of these was held jointly by Edward White and Adam Islip (p. 92). Yet it was in Islip's name that the book was entered in the Register on 6 Dec. 1602, the day the minute was written. Islip was the printer.

Transfers of copyright, such as led to the trouble over *The English Schoolmaster*, often came before the Court for ratification, as we know from the Register, but this was mostly a later custom, and the only instance that meets us in the minutes, on 8 Jan. 1577, concerns two copies which 'Thomas Hacket hathe sold and assigned vnto . . . Iohn Wight' and these do not appear in the extant Registers at all (p. 1). One of these was *The Regiment for the Sea*, and Wight's edition is No. 3423 in the *Short-Title Catalogue*, where the minute enables us to correct the date '1576?' to '1577?'.

There is another case which illustrates the value of these records for straightening out some of the conundrums of cataloguing. In 1583 Christopher Barker was printer to the Queen, and as such he had a *prima facie* right to print the 'Iniunctions giuen by the Queenes maiestie, A.D. 1559'. Apparently, if we are to trust the *Short-Title Catalogue*, there had been eight earlier editions, one issued by Jugge alone and seven by Jugge and Cawood. Though undated these are all assigned by the Catalogue to 1559 with the safeguard of a query. There can be little doubt, however, that the eight editions in question were in fact spread over a series of years from 1559 to Jugge's death in 1577. Now in 1583 Kingston was printing a large edition, and Barker protested. The latter's claim was upheld by the Court on 7 Oct., though it did not award him any damages. What it did, on Kingston affirming 'vpon his credyt' that he had printed 'to the number of xxx^{c} . . . and not aboue', was to order that he should 'bringe in all the first leaves [2] thereof to Mr Barker who will printe the same

[1] By 1614, the date of the second extant edition, the copy had passed into the hands of the Company.

[2] What was contemplated here was, I imagine, no more than the printing of a cancel title-leaf, for the whole pamphlet only runs to a few pages. On the other hand 'leaves' as used in the Stationers' records as a rule means sheets, as Arber was aware (e.g. i. 581; ii. 824, 829). When the Wardens seized 'the first leafe of the grammer in octauo' at Ward's house in 1586, it is obviously a stock of printed sheets, not odd leaves, that is in question (p. 20), and it was presumably a sheet and not a single leaf of the Greek Testament that Mrs. Vautrollier was allowed to complete eighteen months later (p. 27). It is worth drawing attention to the curious provision in an order of 18 Jan. 1585 whereby Purfoot was to have the right to print 'the first

againe for Kingston with the vinyate [i.e. vignette] and marke of Mr Barker to yt. And this impression finished and vttered, the said Kingston neuer to reprint the said booke' (pp. 13–4). Whether Barker thought it worth while to enforce the first part of this order I doubt, for the edition in question would seem to be No. 10104 in the *Short-Title Catalogue*. This is the only edition assignable to Kingston (for No. 10103 is a ghost, the Bodleian copy really belonging to 10104) and the first leaf has not been reprinted. All later editions were issued by Barker's deputies or assignes. If that is so, the date '1585?' given in the Catalogue should be replaced by '1583'.

A curious provision, as early as 1578, was that if a book was out of print the right in the copy lapsed. For it is ordered, to the relief of 'poore bretheren of this companie', that if any such 'praie to haue allowance to him of anie laufull copie wherevnto noe other man hath righte or whereof there is noe nomber remayninge by the fourmer printer vnsold' he 'shalbe favourablie and lovinglie heard and holpen' (p. 5).[1] I do not suppose that this was often enforced, though copies certainly did sometimes become derelict. Rights were also sometimes forfeited. Such was the penalty for selling books at above the prescribed rates (p. 59). Also on 1 Mar. 1602 it was 'ordered that all that betwene this and the next court day bringe not in their ballades to be entred accordinge to order, shall lose the same, and that the said ballades shalbe disposed accordinge to the discretion of the Master Wardens and Assistantes' (p. 85). Failure to register copies might therefore mean not merely loss of protection but confiscation. The question of entrance also arose over Breves. Thomas Purfoot seems to have had a privilege for 'breves of letters patentes' which Edward Allde had infringed.[2] His right was recognized on 29 Oct. 1595, but he was directed to enter each month all those he proposed to print. On 1 Dec. he compounded for a payment of 12*d*. a quarter (pp. 52–3).

An interesting decision on 18 June 1578 relates to the copyright in translations. The book in question was *The Least Catechism* by A. Nowell which was

leafe of the lyttle Catechisme' for the partners in Day's privilege, to whom the copy belonged (p. 16). If a particular printer printed by right a sheet of a book the rest of which was printed by some one else, the result might easily lead bibliographers to the erroneous belief that the sheet in question was a cancel.

[1] Cf. Arber, ii. 784: 'copies . . . which vpon . . . occurrence of yeres fall voyde'. Arber says that the permission to print such copies involved the payment of sixpence in the pound (ii. 20). I should suppose that this was the case, but I do not know that it is definitely stated.

[2] The privilege, if such it was, did not extend to 'other brieues as for starch or otherwise'. It has been suggested that by 'starch' the Star-chamber is meant, whose writs might be in question, but expert opinion seem against this view. Starch-making was a monopoly and was carried on under patents, which may have involved 'breves'. But the whole problem of what printed 'breves' can have been is very obscure.

Day's privilege, but Richard Jones, to whose Welsh origin his device bears witness, had got 'orderly licenced' to him 'the same copie in the Welche tonge'. Though licensed, the copy had not been entered, the claim being referred to the Court for decision. This decision was 'That the said Richard Iones shall print the same . . . in the name of the said Ihon Day and as assignee vnto him. Howebeyt . . . the said copie . . . shall not be accompted the copie of the said Ihon Daye but shall properlie belonge to the said Richard Iones as amplie as yf he had printed the same in his owne proper name' (p. 7). Generalized this means that a translation could be registered as an independent work but must be printed by the owner as assignee of the holder of the original copyright.

This may lead us to the difficult question of the reprinting of foreign books. So far as can be gathered from these records there was no restriction on the importation and sale of books from abroad, unless they infringed English copyrights. In practice, of course, some supervision must have been exercised, and some of the Popish books, the seizure of which is recorded, may have been foreign. But reprinting, of course, came under the observation of the Company. It has already been mentioned (p. liv) that by what seems a generous agreement on the part of the Company, the Cambridge University printers were to have the choice of any books brought back from the Frankfort fair. They were to enter them in the Register and have them for their own copies. But no such liberty seems to have been allowed to London Stationers. On 17 May 1596 John Norton had already caused to be printed Piscator upon Matthew and Mark, and was now in hand with Luke. The latter two at least had been regularly entered. But the Court decided that the entrances were illegal. Norton was to be allowed his former impressions, and that of Luke as well upon payment of sixpence in the pound. But it was ordered 'that it shall not be laufull for him or any other hereafter to prevent others of any copie comminge from beyond the seas, but that the same shalbe in common to suche of the company as will haue partes therein' (p. 54). And again on 5 Oct. 1601 we read that 'Whereas he [the same John Norton] hath procured an entrance of Piscator in Genesim, yt is ordered that he shall haue no right by the same entrance vnless he will performe thordonnance touchinge such kynd of forayne copyes, but shall forbeare to print the same for that the said entrance is contrary to order' (p. 82). Unless there had been some intermediate order of which we hear nothing 'thordonnance' presumably refers to the regulation of 1596 and means that if he procured the printing of the book he must be prepared to allow any fellow Stationer who would to join in the venture.

The many cases of dispute between Stationers over copyright that came

before the Court afford, as we have seen, much incidental information, but in many, if not most, cases the facts are not sufficiently set out to allow us fully to understand the merits of the rival claims. It may be that as a rule each side had a case of sorts to lay before the Assistants, and no doubt the decisions were given more in accordance with common sense and social diplomacy than with any rigid legal code. It was in fact a Court of conciliation rather than of law. At any rate we are able to observe a marked tendency, while giving an award in favour of one or other claimant, to allow some compensation to the unsuccessful rival, and many of the decisions are of the nature of a compromise. One common device, where an edition had been produced in infringement of copyright or privilege, was to provide that the prosecutor should purchase the condemned stock at a fixed, and no doubt modest, rate. Thus on 10 Aug. 1579 Dawson was ordered to deliver his remaining stock of an alleged book of prayers to Denham, the patentee, at the rate of 8*s*. the hundred (p. 9). And again on 26 Mar. 1599 Roberts was ordered to hand over the whole of an impression of a book of which Wood had duly obtained the copyright, at the rate of 8*s*. the ream, but it was provided that in future Roberts should have the printing of the book for Wood (p. 68). This granting of a printing right, which it must be observed was always an exceptional right and was governed by no recognized rules, was another way of compensating an unsuccessful claimant. We find it earlier in a complicated dispute between Richard Jones and Robert Dexter, settled on 3 May 1591, over a reading-book (p. 37). This Jones had entered in the previous November, and he had printed an edition of which some 300 copies still remained on hand. In spite of this Dexter made good his claim and was granted the remaining stock at 6*s*. 8*d*. the ream, provided that Jones should have the printing of future editions. Another manner of compromise was to allow one party a portion of the edition at a nominal cost. Thus when in 1578 Vautrollier printed Holyband's *French Littleton* he was directed on 2 Sept. to compensate Abraham Veale for some unspecified claim by allowing him 100 copies for the cost of paper only, and in future to give him freely 100 copies out of each impression of 1250 (pp. 7–8). So again with Lambard's *Eirenarcha* in 1582, to which Tottell and Barker on the one part and Newbery and Bynneman on the other laid claim. It was ordered on 15 Jan. that the latter pair were to print the first edition of 1500 copies, out of which they were to allow the former pair 'freelie halfe a hundred . . . betwene them', but that all future editions were to be shared equally between the four (pp. 12–3). Another claim in 1589 was settled by an allowance of eighty copies 'of the first and next impression' (p. 33). Yet again in 1598 a book called *The Mirror of Man's Miseries* was awarded to Allde, but he was ordered to pay

William Blackwall 20*s.* on the first edition, and allow him 100 copies of the next free (p. 66).

Where an impression or part of an impression was assigned to another than the holder of the copy, the date at which the work should be reprinted became of course of importance. Thus when, on 5 Feb. 1593, *The Golden Chain* was assigned to Legatt as against Edward White, the latter was at the same time directed to take over such stock 'as the said Iohn Legatt hath nowe readie printed in his handes' at the rate of £4 16*s.* the hundred, but Legatt, on the other hand, was forbidden to reprint the book so long as White had over twenty-five copies unsold (pp. 45–6). So with an impression of *The Pensive Man's Practice* which Matthew Lownes had bought of Bradock. This was not yet disposed of on 19 Sept. 1598, and Bradock was already printing another edition. Lownes appealed to the Court, which allowed him till 25 Mar. following to dispose of his stock, and ordered Bradock to bring into the Hall the six leaves (i.e. sheets, cf. p. lxxii) which he had printed of the new impression 'contrary to his former promise made to the said Lownes' (p. 64). And again in 1602 George Potter was allowed six months to dispose of an edition of Luis de Granada's *Meditations*, a copy of Edward White's, that he had somehow acquired (pp. 90–1).[1]

Copies, it has been said, sometimes became derelict. This happened when a copyholder died without transferring his rights or leaving an heir in the Company.[2] A widow succeeded to her husband's copies, but forfeited her rights if she married any one but a freeman Stationer. Technically the rights lapsed to the Company, though we may suspect that the less respectable printers occasionally seized on them. However, the Court sometimes saw to their disposal. On 1 Mar. 1596 we find mention of a rather complicated case. Henry Bynneman had died in 1583, leaving a widow, who by marrying a Mr. Sled outside the Company forfeited her rights to his copies. These are by order set over to Valentine Simmes, formerly servant to Bynneman, except such as shall have been already disposed of, and of these Simmes is to have the reversion when they fall in. Moreover, Simmes is to have the right of printing all such copies for the holders, provided the holder is not himself a 'meere printer', that is, apparently, what we should call a 'trade printer', one who only printed to the order of other men and was not himself a publisher (p. 53). Apparently the unassigned copies were only two, for these are all that were transferred to

[1] See likewise the case of Timothy Bright mentioned above, p. lxxi.

[2] A report on alleged abuses in the Company drawn up in July 1583 mentions among 'what helpes the complaynantes haue': 'They maye haue from the companie suche copies [as they] will requier which vpon deathe of any or occurence of yeres fall voyde' (Arber, ii. 784).

Simmes in the Register under this date; but I cannot find that any copies had been previously transferred to others. At this time Bynneman had been dead for more than twelve years, the marriage may have been ten years old, Bynneman's printing-house had long been in the hands of the Eliot's Court syndicate, and the order, which appears arbitrary on the face of it, is all the stranger seeing that Simmes was himself at the moment in serious trouble over the infringement of a privilege (p. 52), and his press had been seized (Arber, i. 578).

Many of the copyright cases glanced at in this brief survey have literary interest of a sort, but perhaps none will appeal to the student quite so directly as the transactions in which Abel Jeffes was involved over *The Spanish Tragedy* and the chapbook of *Doctor Faustus* in the autumn and winter of 1592 (pp. 42, 44). The minutes bearing on them were, however, long ago printed by Herbert in his edition of Ames's *Typographical Antiquities*—howbeit with one rather misleading omission—and since they have been discussed recently and at length in *The Library* (1926–7, vi. 47, vii. 386), there is no need to do more than mention them here.

It only remains to state the procedure adopted in the preparation of the present volume. The section of Register B containing the Decrees and Ordinances having been rotographed, a transcript was prepared. This was entrusted for editing to Miss Boswell and myself. The general scheme of treatment was, I think, a joint affair. Miss Boswell made herself responsible for the accuracy of the text, while I undertook to provide the marginal references and notes. The Introduction has been my task, but Miss Boswell has read the whole both in manuscript and proof. To the Index again we have both contributed. All necessary information respecting our methods of transcription and annotation will be found in the following Memoranda, with which the student should make himself familar.

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MEMORANDA

In the following print of the 'Decrees and Ordonnances' an attempt has been made to render the original faithfully in all material respects without, however, endeavouring to produce anything like a facsimile. The great irregularity of the writing of itself precluded any possibility of following the manuscript page for page or line for line without an unreasonable sacrifice of space and amenity. The aim has therefore been to preserve so far as possible the significance of the arrangement unfettered by its purely formal properties. On the other hand, all details of spelling, word-division, capitalization, and punctuation have been carefully preserved (so far as points of this nature can be confidently determined), and contractions have likewise been reproduced with only such normalization as is unavoidable in translating the licence of the pen into the more rigorous medium of type. All mutilations in the original—happily rare—are indicated by the use of pointed brackets, and any letters printed within such brackets are more or less conjectural. Words printed in roman type within square brackets are additions in the original, either interlined or written in the margin. Words printed in italic type within square brackets are deleted in the original. (However, no notice has been taken of small alterations and deletions made *currente calamo* and of no apparent significance.) Words printed in italic type within round brackets are editorial comments explanatory of the original but not appearing in it. Italic type, without brackets, is used for ostensibly autograph signatures. Thus:

⟨mutilations⟩ [additions] [*deletions*] (*comments*) *signatures.*

The bulk of the entries is written in the hand of the Clerk, Richard Collins, but there are occasional minutes in other hands, some of them clearly those of professional scriveners. No attempt, however, has been made to distinguish different hands in the print, since the Clerk's writing appears to vary considerably, and in some cases there is doubt as to which entries were and which were not written with his own hand.

The formal rearrangement of the entries in the print calls for a few words of explanation. Most of the pages of the original have a headline giving the date and the regnal year. These have been placed as shoulder-notes in the print. But since the pages of the print do not as a rule correspond with those of the original, some adjustment of the dates has of course been necessary, and the notes do not reproduce the headlines with the same rigour as is aimed at in the text.

The beginning of each page of the original is indicated by placing the folio number (e.g. 'Fol. 427^{a}', 'Fol. 485^{b}') in the outer margin opposite the first line. In almost every case it has been possible to make the page-division of the original correspond with a line-division of the print, but on the few occasions when this has not been feasible an upright bar has been placed in the print to indicate the exact point at which the fresh page begins. Where a fresh page of the print happens to coincide with a fresh page of the original a difficulty has arisen owing to the fact that the shoulder-note occupied the place where the folio number should have stood. Thus when a folio number appears *immediately* below a shoulder-note it is to be taken to belong to the first line of the printed page.

The left margin of the original generally contains notes of the subject-matter of the

minutes or the names of the persons concerned. These notes have been inset in the text. Another use to which the margins were put from fol. 437^{b} onward was for the record of those attending the Court. These lists ('wrytten in the m'gent': p. 87) have here been printed, divided arbitrarily into columns, at the head of the minutes in question, a position they occupy in a few exceptional cases in the original.

A comparison of the print with the four plates that follow here will make sufficiently plain the method of arrangement generally adopted. But special difficulties sometimes arise, and now and then a doubt remains as to how the data of the original should be interpreted. As an instance the print of fol. 458^{b} may be compared with the facsimile of the same page. The names of those present at and constituting the Court are entered in the margin opposite the first minute, and these have as usual been printed at the head of the entry. The next minute deals with the affairs of the partners in certain privileges, and opposite this in the margin there is a long list of the 'parten's present'. This has been printed at the head of the relevant minute. Lastly, below the list, opposite the last paragraph but one, is entered in the margin the note 'M^{r}. Daies p^{r}uilege', and opposite the last paragraph, 'M^{r}. Seres· p'uileg'. But these notes do not appear to have any individual relevance for the paragraphs against which they stand, and moreover a bracket has been added apparently with a view to connecting both paragraphs with the second note. Consequently in the print 'M^{r}. Seres· p'uilege' has been attached to the two end paragraphs, while 'M^{r}. Daies p^{r}uilege' has been moved up to the beginning of the minute, where it presumably belongs, but where it could not be entered in the original because the margin was occupied by the list of partners. This probably represents the intention of the scribe, though it would be useless to pretend that the interpretation can be regarded as certain. Happily difficulties of this sort are rare.

While no attempt has been made to supply a commentary on the entries, it was thought that some marginal references might prove of assistance to the reader. For one thing the day of the week has been supplied for all dates of entries. Apart from this and a few interpretations and corrections, the side-notes mainly fall into four categories.

(i) References are given to earlier or later entries in which the same matter is discussed. In general it has been the intention to collect opposite the first entry dealing with some particular business references to all subsequent entries, and then from each subsequent entry to refer back to the first. This will, it is hoped, avoid the need of overmuch consultation of the Index. References are by pages, and notes such as 'see p. 51' or 'cf. p. 75' always refer to pages of the present volume. The terms 'above' and 'below' refer to entries on the same page.

(ii) References are given to passages bearing on the matter in hand which occur in other sections of Register B or in other volumes of the Register (sc. A and C). These references are for the most part to the lists of fines or to the Wardens' accounts, and are given in such form as 'see Reg. B 393^{b}'. They are in fact references to Arber's *Transcript* (vols. i–iii), but the original folio numbers have been preferred, since, while these can readily be found in Arber, reference to the pages of Arber are useless to any one wishing to consult the original.

(iii) For book-titles mentioned in the entries references are given to the Society's *Short-Title Catalogue* (1575–1640) issued in 1926, whenever they can be identified. The form is 'STC 9320' or whatever the serial number may be, and this will in turn lead to the entry in the Register when known. In the case of books no longer extant (or at least unrecorded)

direct reference is given where possible to the date of the entrance of the copy. If a book cannot be identified a warning 'not traced' appears in the margin.

(iv) Most of the persons mentioned in the minutes will be found recorded in the Society's 'Dictionaries', viz. *A Century of the English Book Trade* (1457–1557) by E. Gordon Duff (1905), *A Dictionary of Printers and Booksellers* (1557–1640) edited by R. B. McKerrow (1910), and *A Dictionary of Booksellers and Printers* (1641–1667) by R. H. Plomer (1907). In the case of persons mentioned as connected with the Company but who do not appear in these three volumes, an endeavour has been made to give a reference to some fact concerning them supplied by the Registers, preferably the date of freedom, or failing that of clothing, apprenticeship, or what not. Where no record has been found the warning is again 'not traced'. For official personages the Index may be consulted.

Reference to the entrance of copies, apprenticeship, presentation for freedom, and election to the livery, has been made by date and not by the folios of the Register. There was not room for both, the date alone will satisfy most needs, and from the date the entry in the Register can be found with little trouble by using Arber's tables of contents. The dates given for apprenticeship are those of the registration, not of the indenture, but in the earlier years, when individual entries were not dated, the indenture dates are added. Since we are dealing with a period of less than a century, space has been saved in these marginal dates by omitting the first two figures of the year-number: thus 29 Nov. 99 means of course 1599, 11 Aug. 00 means 1600. In references, as in the Introduction, the date is always given according to the calendar year beginning on 1 Jan., whereas the Court minutes and the Registers as a rule follow the legal year beginning on the following Lady Day. Thus what would be 28 Feb. 1594 in the text would be 28 Feb. 1595 in editorial matter.

The pressure on marginal space has unfortunately necessitated the use of many abbreviations, but it is hoped that with the aid of the following list they will present no serious difficulty.

ab. = about
aft. = after
APC = *Acts of the Privy Council* edited by J. R. Dasent, quoted by volume and page.
appr. = apprentice, apprenticed
Arber = Arber's *Transcript*, quoted by volume and page for matter not in the original Registers.
bef. = before
bet. = between
bk., bks. = book, books
Bowes = R. Bowes's *Catalogue of Cambridge Books*, quoted by serial number.
C-B. = Court Book (C), quoted by folios.
cf. = compare, used instead of 'see' in the case of less direct references. Before 'STC' 'see' is omitted: the number alone implies a reference to a specific edition, 'cf.' only to a particular work or at most a group of editions.
Co. = the Stationers' Company
co. = county
dbt. = doubtful
ed. = edition
ent. = entered, entrance of copy
free. = freeman, freedom
Herb. = Herbert's edition of Ames's *Typographical Antiquities*, quoted by page.
liv. = livery, liveryman
m. = married
NED = *New English Dictionary*
p., pp. = page, pages of the present volume
p.a. = per annum
pr. = printed, printer
pres. = presented for freedom
pt. = part

quot. = quotation
Reg. = Register (A, B, C) quoted by folios.
serv. = servant
Star-ch. = Star-chamber
STC = *Short-Title Catalogue*, quoted by serial number.
trs. = transferred (apprentice or copy)
wid. = widow yrs. = years

The Introduction necessarily contains many quotations from the text, and the form of these has been to some extent normalized. The spelling, indeed, has been faithfully preserved, but contractions have been expanded, punctuation made to serve the sense instead of obscuring it, and capitals reduced to some sort of order (at least, proper names have always been allowed capitals and unimportant words deprived of them, while in intermediate cases the original has been followed). In quotations from the Registers and other documents printed by Arber a similar freedom has been allowed. Also in the Introduction all references to Arber's *Transcript* are made by volume and page, since many of them relate not to the Registers themselves but either to the editor's comments or else to the illustrative documents which he scattered through his volumes.

All references to the present edition of the minutes are given of course by pages. But, as already explained, the original folio numbers are added in the margin. These naturally refer to leaves, in accordance with the now universal custom, and recto and verso are indicated by the letters ^{a} and ^{b}. This was already the system adopted when (perhaps in the eighteenth century) the reference 'See p. 6a' was added on fol. 443^{b} (p. 25). We should indeed refer rather to 'folio' than 'page', but it is impossible to deny that '6a' is a page. But this was not the system adopted by the Clerk himself. On fol. 454^{b} (p. 41) will be found a reference to an order 'vt patet in folio 475'. The order is actually on fol. 474^{b}, which shows that when the Clerk spoke of a 'folio' he had in mind not a leaf but an opening. He was strictly wrong to call it a folio, but reference by openings is in certain ways more convenient, and was formerly very often adopted. Some medieval manuscripts actually have the folio numeration on the versos of the leaves.

Additional note.

The dates of assumption of office arrived at in the note on p. xxvi are sometimes at variance with those shown in the Wardens' annual accounts, which are extant from 1557–8 to 1595–6. Apparently the newly-elected Wardens did not take over the accounts immediately on entering on office. The dates in July at which the annual accounts begin are as follows: 1557, 19th; 1558, 10th; 1559, 14th; 1560, 7th; 1561–72, 22nd; 1573–6, 20th; 1577, 9th; 1578, 8th; 1579–80, 11th; 1581–9, 10th; 1591–5, 15th.

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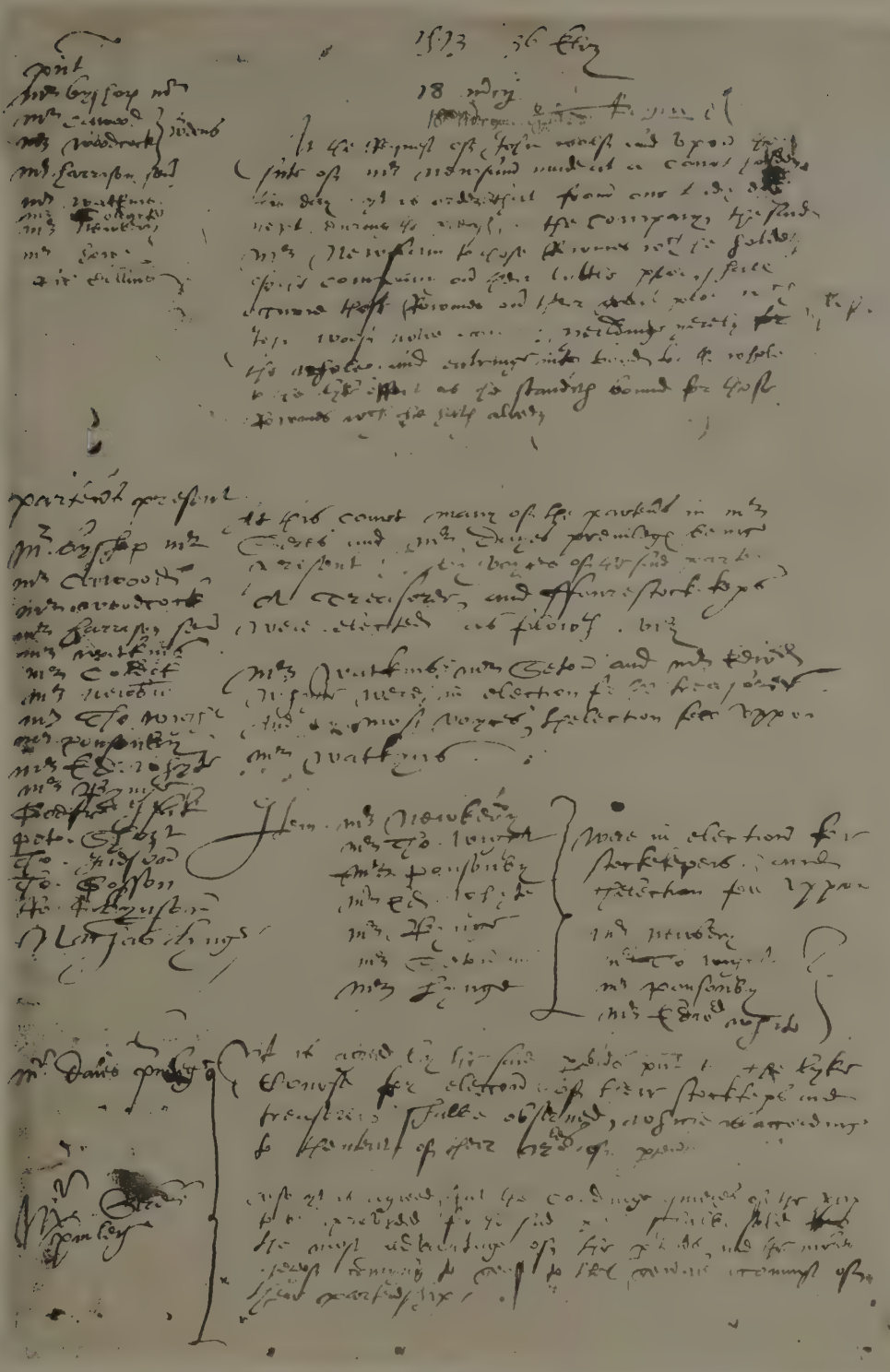

I.—Folio 458[b], showing Lists of Assistants and Partners Present

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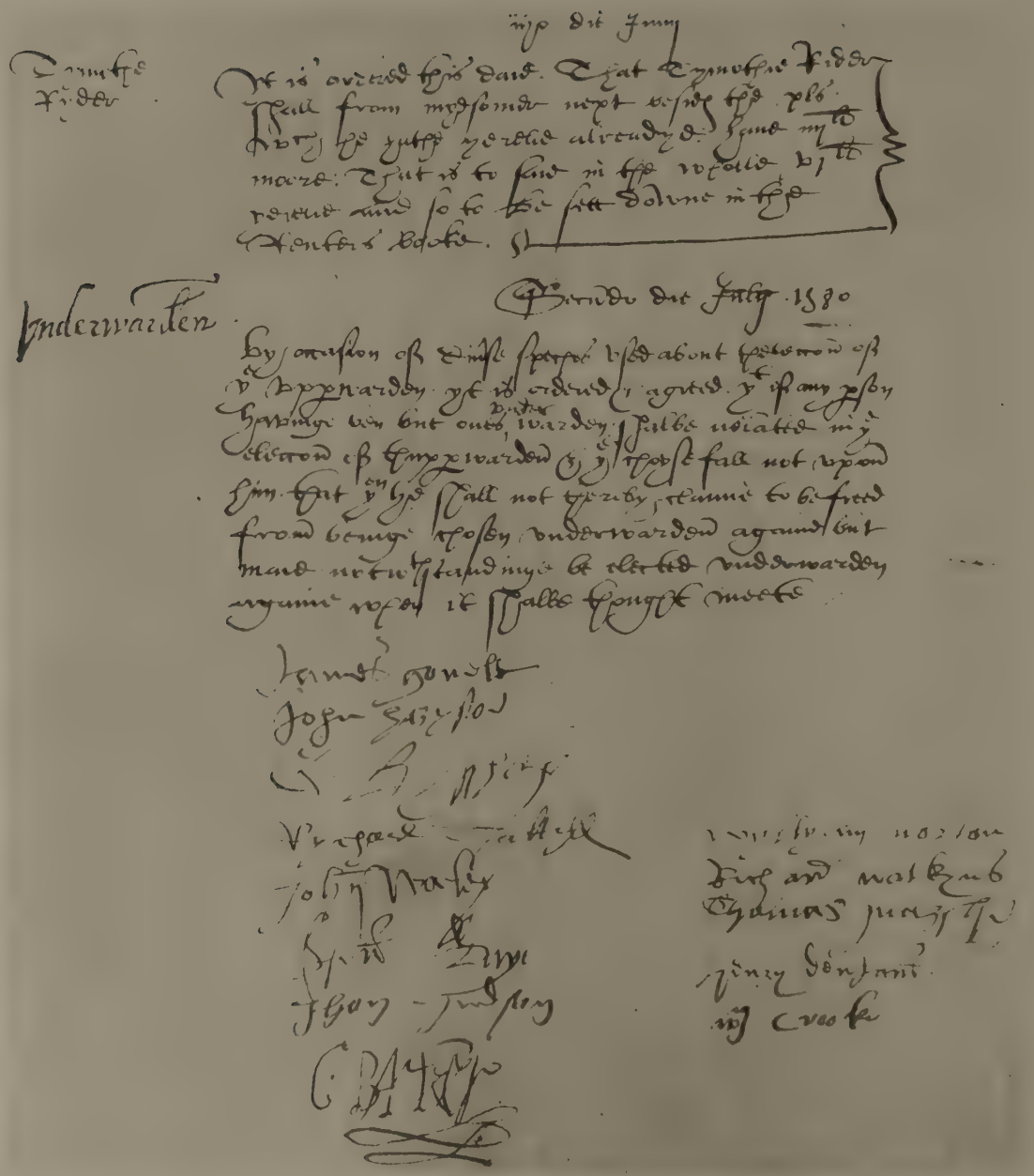

II.—Lower Portion of Folio 434[a], with Signatures of Members of the Court
(*Slightly reduced*)

III.—Lower Portion of Folio 462[a], with Forged Addition to the last Entry
(*Slightly reduced*)

IV.—Folio 427ª: the First Page of the Minutes
(*Much reduced*)

mr Seres mr
mr Goneld } wardens ·
mr watkins }

.17 Iulij. Tuesday

primo die Octobr' i576 ·

Henry Coñewey · Lawrence Garden' his apprentice.

Be yt remembred that an order was heretofore taken before mr Chamblen betwene the said Henry Coñewey and his said Apprentice Laurence Gardener in forme followinge. viz · that the said Lawrence shall truly and faythfully serue the said henry Coñewey duringe the space of Three yeres to be accõpted from the feast of the Birthe of our Lord Last past. as a good and faythfull apprentice ought to doo. And in consideracõn thereof the said henry Coñewey shall make the said Laurẽce a free man of this citie ỹmediately vppon thend of the said Three Yeres.

the City Chamberlain, cf. p. 5

see Reg. B 321a, 25 June 78

for note of 13 Aug. see p. 86

xijo Novembr' 1576 Monday

Richard Garnet
Edward cowik ·

Yt is ordered · That the said Edwrd Shall serue out withe the said Richard so muche tyme as he hathe before covenñted to serue him. ffor ijs a weeke. to be payd at eu'y weekę ende. And that the said Edwarde shall cõme orderly to his woorke and shall woorke ffyve Dossen claspes a day. The said Richard Cuttinge them out

claspmaker, cf. Reg. A 234b (1582–3)

·8· Ianuarij. A° 19. Rĩe Elizabethe · 1576(/7)· Tuesday

Ihon Wight
Tho Hacket

At a court holden this day. by assent of the mr wardens and assistantę. The said Thomas Hacket hathe sold and assigned vnto ye said Ihon Wight theise ij copies viz The Regiment for ye sea. and all the pictures belonging to ye same · Item the Theatre or Rule of the world/. And ye said Ihon and Thomas doo discharge either to other all man' of debtę duties and matters frõ the begỹnynge of the world to this day.

(*in margin*) hec convencio ꝑ ꝑte dĉi hacke⟨t⟩ facta est ꝑ vxorem suam que hũit et monstrauit ꝥram atturnatoriã dĉi mariti sui per quã iꝑa bene potuit ⟨in⟩ noĩe suo concludere ões causa⟨s⟩ ꝑ se et noĩ⟨e⟩ suo.

STC 3422–3

STC 3169–76

Mr Seres mr ·
Mr Goneld · } wardens ·
mr watkins. }

Fol. 427b

Quarto die Marcij Monday

Olyver weekes
Tho · Lymbury ·

Yt is ordered and Agreed. That Tho · Lymbery shall paie vnto Olyver wilkę. ls. in forme folowinge · That is to Say. weekely viijd on eu'y Satterday at the house of the said Olyver weekes—The first payment to be made on Satterday next.

appr. to Wilkes 1566–7 (18 May), cf. pp. 57, 60, 62, 63 i.e. 9 Mar.

for notes of 15 Apr. and 7 May see pp. 94, 93 Court 20 June, see p. xix

1577 Anno xix°· Rĩe Elizabeth.

1577·

(*Tuesday*) Secũdo die Iulij · 1577·

M^r Seres m^r
m^r Norton
m^r Watkins } wardens

At a court holden the same Daie yt is ordered and decreed as folowithe.
viz

cf. pp. 31, 72 That the cooke of this cũpanie shall quarterly haue for the quarter dyn'· dressinge vj^s viij^d amountinge yerelie for the iiij quarter daies to — xxvj^s viij^d

cf. p. 51 Item that the butler shall haue quarterly iij^s iiij^d amountinge for the iiij. quarter daies to — xiij^s iiij^d

cf. pp. 17, 27, 47 Item that the ·l· maiors officer[*s*] w^ch servithe this cũpanie shall haue yerelie — xiij^s iiij^d.

Here folowe the names of those that occupie these office at the hall. 2· Iulij 1577·

Adamson Cooke ·
see below Henry fflycke one of y^e ·l· maiors officers
Bland the butler ·

Monday)^r harrison m^r
) watkins m^r
)ewbery wardens

vltĩo Sept' 1583. (*entry added later*)

see p. 27 The said henry fflyck. beinge deceased his Rowme in this Cũpanie is graunted vnto Robert hide one of my lord Maio^rs Carvers. w^th the same fee that m^r fflick had /

FOL. 428^a

Saturday

Decimo Septimo Die Septembris 1577.

Hughe [*Iaxon*] Singleton
Iames Askell

Whereas Hughe Singleton is indebted to Iames Askell in the some of lvj^s. yt is ordered that he shall paye the same in fourme followinge, That is to saie

Saturday ffive shillinges a weeke the ffirste payment to be paide the xxviij^th of this instante moneth And if Defaulte be made in anie paym^t Then Askell hathe libertie to seeke his remedie by lawe· This money m^r Daie to paie as longe as Singleton worketh for him· And after yt to be Demaunded at Singletons house

m^r Watkins
Dunstan whapland

Yt is ordered and agreed the Daie aboue saide that m^r watkins shall give vnto Dunstan whapland either xxx^s in booke of anie sorte that he the saide Dunstan shall

Ric. J. died bef. Oct. 77 Joan J. STC 649 choose either of m^r Iugge or of m^r watkins printe or els xxvj^s viij^d in readie money And so whaplande to holde himself satisfied for anie thinge he can demaund at thandes of mistres Iugge or m^r Watkins for or concerninge thympression of the Decade. /

(d. 1583)

C. Barker, The Girdlers' Company, 1957, reveals (p. 111) that Hf. bequeathed his Girdlers' inn
[illegible] Thos George Hammersmith, a several acre of land running to his river

xxj°. die octobr'· (*Monday*) 1577 Anno xix° · Rĩe · Elizabeth ·

The binders · At a court holden the same daie. the bookebinders beinge pñt & shewinge their griefe and the m^r wardens and assistante w^th the rest of y^e liu'ie beinge pñt & hearinge y^e same. yt was ordered by assent of all y^e said pties as folow^th viz̃ · cf. below (17 Jan.) and p. 4

1. That the bookebinders that be Inglishemen and fremen of this citie shall haue Woorke before strangers & foryners. so that they the same freemen that be Inglishmen & binders shall doo their woorke woorkmanlie & aswell as any other would doo it & at as reasonable rate & price as other workmen will doo the same kinde of woorke.

Verte folm̃. pro residuo huius decreti.

ij. Item that the said bookebinders so often as they or any of them shall receyue woorke to be done for any pson · shall Redelyuer the same wrought & done as yt ought to be. to thowners thereof. At y^e same day and tyme that was appoynted and agreed vppon at the receipt thereof betwene the pties whom y^e case shall concerne or w^thin iij daies then next folowinge at y^e furthest. vnles a lenger respit vppon som̃e reasonable cause shalbe obteyned of the owner or own's thereof. Fol. 428b

iij. Item that the breakers and infringers of this ordenñce [*of*] or of any article thereof shall for eu'y suche his offence. suffer suche punishement by imprisonment or otherwise as to y^e m^r & wardens for the tyme beinge shalbe thought meete.

iiij^to Die Novembr'· Monday

Tho · Dason
Io moore · At a court holden this daie · yt is agreed That y^e said Ihon moore shall serue y^e said Thomas Dason · ffyue yeres to be accoumpted from the feast of thãnũciacõn of our Lady last past for the wage of iij^li by the yere. and meate drink lodginge and wasshinge of his lynen as the other servaunts of the said Thom^as Dason shall haue. And that the said Ihon shall finde him selfe apparell Withe his wages. free. same day

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The psons herevndernamed doo declare that where they haue exhibited or consented to the exhibitinge of Complaintes againste the wardens and auncient of their companie; the same was not Doñe accordinge to their Duetie for w^ch they are sorie. And for their Demeano^r hereafter they Doe heere humblie submitte themselues to the m^r wardens and other governours of this companie so farre as good brethereñ of this companie oughte to Doe.

Illorum nomina qui subscripserunt. /

William Lobley. Iohn marchaunt. /
ffranke Adam. Iames Robertes. /
Iohn Oswold. Thomas Ensor. /

J. M. pres. Edw. M. 6 Nov. 85

1577/8 Anno xx° Rĩe Elizabethe·

Vicesimo septimo die Ianuarij Anno dñi 1577(/8) (*Monday*).

The peticõns of the poore men of this Companie for their Relief. /

Fol. 429b · i · That they maie haue woorke.
· 2 · That noe woorke be put to forens or strangers
· 3 · That they maie be well and truelie paide for their woork
· 4 · That the printers and others of this companie maie not be suffred to haue excessiue nomber of appñticꝛ to the hindraunce of poore freemen of this mystery.
· 5 · That the ffrenchmen and straungers beinge Denizens maie not haue excessiue nomber of appñticꝛ

Yt is aunswered oñ the ꝑte of the m^r wardens and assistantes./

i To the ffirste yt is ordered· That the bookesellers of this companie shall Deliuer sufficient worke to the poore bretheren of this companie that can and will well and honestlie Doe and bringe home their woorke in fourme folowinge, that is to saie, to receaue bookes in the begynnynge of the weeke and to bringe home the same in the ende of the weeke at the furthest And likewise of suche bookes as shalbe sent vnto them or speciall haste required that they Doe them well and in convenient time as the bookeseller shall neede and require to haue them Doñe and as the woorkman shalbe reasonablie able and shall ꝑmise. And if anie suche poore brother in fourme aforesaid cannot haue woork that vpon complaint to the m^r and wardens he shall haue remedie prouided. /

2 This in the negatiue cannot be reasonablie gr^aunted and is a matter verie p'iudiciall to the companie and speciallie to the saide poore woorkmeñ because yt will Drawe gent'. learned men and other buiers of bookes themselues to buie in quires and put their bookes to suche forens and strangers Dwellinge out of the liberties. Alsoe this peticõn is needles so longe as the firste order be kepte (as yt is faythfullie intended) that the saide poore bretheren shall haue sufficient woork in fourme aforesaid. /

therefore complaint concerns binding, cf. p. 3

Fol. 430a 3 Yt is a verie reasonable peticõn and if anie of the poore woorkemen shall haue cause of complainte (as yt is trusted that they neither haue nor shall) the m^r and wardens shall speedilie ꝑvide them remedie /

4 · Yt is answered that the peticõn is reasonable but the complainte is too vncertaine and generall and therefore yt is ordered that suche brother of this companie as shall heerein finde himself greeved shall exhibite his complainte certeinelie and ꝑticulerlie againste the ꝑson offendinge in havinge moe Apprenticꝛ then by the orders of this cũpanie he oughte to haue and the m^r and wardens shall call him to answere and give remedie /

5 Yt is answered that such strangers haue noe Appñticꝛ bounde to them but haue appñticꝛ of other men appointed to serue with them to learne their

arte w^ch^ cannot sodenlie [*cannot*] be remedied for avoidinge a greate inconvenience to the companie lest men of other cumpanies of Londoñ speciallie the inferiors should put like Appñtyces vnto them and soe those of other Cumpanies to become the best woorkmen and dispse the arte. But as in Discrecõn and good pollicie yt maie be. the best shalbe Don by the m^r^ and wardens from time to time for reliefe of the saide poore bretheren. 1577/8 · Anno xx^o^ Rĩe Elizabethe ·

Yt is furder aboue the saide peticoñs charitablie offered and ordred by this companie. /

That if anie of the poore bretheren of this companie shall for his benefyte praie to haue allowance to him of anie laufull copie wherevnto noe other man hath righte or whereof there is noe nomber remayninge by the fourmer printer vnsold or yf he shall make anie other reasonable request for his relief suche [*brot*] poore brother shalbe favourablie and lovinglie heard and holpeñ.

The copie of an order taken by the court of the lord maior and Aldermen Concerninge the misterie of the Stationers. Fol. 430b

Martis Quarto die ffebruarij Anno vicesimo Elizabeth Regine / Tuesday

Item vpon the letters of the righte honourable the Lorde highe Treasurer of England Directed vnto this courte yt was ordered and decreed by the same that noe sute shalbe comensed or broughte in the name of m^r^ Chamberlen of this citie ag^t^ any stacioner for puttinge anie of their work vnto straungers or foreynes from the liberties of this citie contrarie to the acte of comoñ Counsell in that case made and ꝑvided w^th^out the especiall licence of this Courte / cf. p. 1 and Arber, ii. 747–8

Sebright. City Clerk

The copie of the · L · Treasurers lr̃e sp̃ified in thorder abouecopied.

After my Verie hartie coñendacõns to yo^r^ good · L · Where I vnderstand that one Wiłłm harvie freman of yo^r^ citie of London a man Verie skilfull in the art of Bookebindinge, notw^th^standinge that for his knoledge and ꝑfectnes in that trade he hathe ben liked & alowed of by the most substanciall of the cumpanie of station's is yet troubled by the sute of the mean' sort of that cupanie for exercisinge [*that*] [the said] trade contrary to an Act of cõen counsell of yo^r^ citie in that behalf made by whome he is sued in the kinges Benche. I haue thought good in respect of the worthines & good skill whiche I vnderstand to Be in the said harvie as also for that he is a freman of Y^r^ citie to praie y^r^ · l · that the sutes coñensed Ag^t^ him · by suche as rather enuye his well doinge than tender the ꝑfect exercise of their Art may Be w^th^drawen from the kinge Benche. And that the ꝑties maie Be enioyned to ꝑsecute y^e^ same before y^r^ · l · in London. And moreou' for y^t^ it were greate pitie that so ꝑfect an artisan as y^e^ said harvie is & suche other of that trade as are knowen to be exꝑt & cunynge w^r^kmen shuld be restrained from woorkinge I doo also see p. 6 (not otherwise known) but a fishmonger see p. 6

1577/8· praie y^{r} · L · together w^{t} the advise of m^{r} Recorder to devyse sõme meanes whereby he may be suffred to exercise his said trade wthout offence of the statute And that suche as are stationers may putt furthe their w^{r}ke to be done By suche as are skilfull wthout offence of y^{e} said act. And thus referringe the consideracõn hereof to y^{r} · L · I bid yo^{r} good · l · hartelie farewell. ffrõ, my house neere the Savoy the 21 of Ianuary 1577.

Y^{r} · L · assured Loving frend
W: Burghley.

To my Verie good Lord the L. maior of the City of London:

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Monday

xvij^{o} die ffebruarij

Hughe Spoon' wiłłm Kinge

Vppon the hearinge of a matter in controu'sie betwene the said ꝑties. yt is ordered at a court holden the same daye by thassent of the said ꝑties That the said hughe Spoon' shall
i.e. 30 Mar. paie Vnto the said willm̃ kinge iij^{s} iiij^{d} at or before the feast of Easter next And that also the said wiłłm shall stand discharged of xij^{s} by him owinge vnto the said Hughe Spooner In consideracõn whereof the said willm̃ shall gyve vnto the said hughe at the payment of the said iij^{s} iiij^{d} sufficient aucthoritie to Receyue to thuse of the seid hugh. Whatsoeu' is due Vnto the said wiłłm by
(not traced) the last will gyft or bequest of Iames Moore Skynner deceassed.

G. L. (not traced)
W. H., cf. p. 5
Friday

The copie of an order taken at marchaunttailors hall betwene Gilberte Lyllye and willm̃ harvy.

Veneris xiiij^{to} Die ffebruarij 1577(/8).
Coram magro et gardiañ suis.

Item whereas Gilbert Lylly of the citie of london m^{r}chaunttailor at a Courte holden in the m^{r}chaunt Taylors hall in london the xxvij^{ti} of Ianuary laste paste, by the wurshipfull m^{r} Anthonie Radcliff m^{r} of the companie of the m'chaunt Tailors and his Wardens Did ꝑmise and absolutelie submytte himself to abide the order Iudgemente & Determynacõn of the said m^{r} Anthony Radcliff and his wardens for the matter of informacõn folowed and ꝑsecuted by him in the benche of our souereigne ladie the Quenes ma^{ty} against one Wiłłm harvy of the citie of london ffishemonger. It is nowe ordered agreed Iudged and Determined by the said m^{r} Anthony Radcliff and his Wardens wth thassente & consent of the said Gilbert Lyllye. That neyther the said Gilbert nor anie for him or by him or by his meanes assent or procurement shall from hencefoorthe call vpon ꝑsecute or followe the said informacõn or anie ꝑte thereof but shalbe nonesute therein and the same to cease and be void to all Intentꝫ and purposes as thoughe the same had neuer bine comensed or Begonne In consideracõn whereof the said Gilbert Lylly is awarded Tenne shillingꝫ in money w^{ch} he hath receaued In witnes whereof the said Gilbert Lylly hath sette his name the daie & yere aboue said

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wiłłm Dyckens hughe Shingleton. yt is ordered that the said hughe Shingleton shall redelyu' vnto the said wiłłm A paire of shet̄ and a diap̄ towell at or before the 27 day of this instant m'che vppon paine to be com̃itted to ward A°· xx° Rĩe Elizabethe. Fol. 431b

. 18 · Iunij 1578 Wednesday

m^r Ihon Daye Ric' Iones · Yt is agreed betwene the said p̄ties concerninge the lest catechisme that m^r daye hathe in his privilege and printeth by reason of the same in the Englishe tonge. and the said Richard Iones havinge the same copie in the welche tonge to him orderly licenced. That the said Richard Iones shall print the same cathechisme in the welche tonge in the name of the said Ihon Day & as assignee vnto hym. Howebeyt it is provided that the said copie in welche by that meane shall not be accompted the copie of the said Ihon Daye but shall proprelie belonge to the said Ric' Iones as amplie as yf he had printed the same in his owne prop̄ name. STC 18708–11 (ent. not traced) (Herb. 1042)

Rich: Daye. /
Richarde Iohnes

m^r Tottell m^r
m^r harrison senior
and m^r Bishopp } wardens Fol. 432a Court 28 June, see p. xix

xj° Die August' Monday

Abrahame Veale Thom^as Vautrollie^r. At a Courte holden this Daie yt was Ordered that m^r veale and Thomas vautrollier shall haue Conference together betwene this and the nexte Courte Daie to thintente to make an[d] agrement betwene them for and touchinge the printinge of the ffrench Littleton. And in Case they Cannott agree before the said nexte Courte Daie. Then they to stand to suche ende as shalbe made touchinge the same by the m^r and wardens of this Companie for the time beinge STC 6738 ff., pr. by T. V.

. 16 · Augusti · Saturday

Abraham veale. Tho. vautrolle^r. At a court holden this daye the said p̄ties haue submitted them selfes to stand to thorder of. the m^r wardens and assistant̄ or the moore p̄te of them concerninge the matter in question abouesp̄ified. & for all other demaund̄ betwene them And the said p̄ties haue p̄mised to stand to the same order.

by me Abrahã veale
Thomas Vautrollier Court 18 Aug., see p. xix

. ij^do die Septembr' 1578 · Tuesday

Abraham veale Tho · vautroull^r. At a court holden this day the matter betwene the said p̄ties beinge deliberately heard & considered yt is therevpon ordered that the said Thom^as vautroull^r shall deliu' vnto the said Abrahã veale. one hundreth book̄ of this p̃nt impression w^ch the said Thom^as dothe nowe printe of the booke called the french littleton aboue menc̃oned the said Abraham alowinge vnto him only pap̄ for the printing thereof STC 6739, cf. 6740–1

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& nothinge elle. And shall also frely gyve vnto the said Abraham from tyme to tyme hereafter as often as ye said booke shalbe printed duringe ye life of ye said Abrahã (whereof there shalbe printed twelfe hundred & an half of an ympression.) ye nũber of one hundreth of ye same booke the said Abrahã alowinge the pap for ye printinge thereof · & so after that rate for howe many so eu' of them be printed of an imprssi(

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Saturday

.xxo. Septembr' ·

see Reg. B 406b

Dason · At a court holden this daye yt is agreed & on the behalfe of Tho. Dason promised · that he wthin vj monethes next comynge shall staie in his hande out of the wage of . Tho · Cutler his s3vant · as muche money as shall s3ve to make the said · T · Cutler a freeman of this Cyty.

free. 3 June 79 (3s. 4d.)

Courts 7 Oct. and 3 Nov., see p. xix

Anno 2i Rĩe Eł.

Monday

xxiiijto · die Novembr' ·

cf. p. 79

Ric' Skilders · At a court holden this daie · Richard Skilders dutchman brother admitted to woorke in this Cumpanie: havinge presse & lres wth other fourniture for the Art of printinge. beinge him self a compositor and havinge a booke in woork for hanse stelle cont' xx shete of pap or thereabout & having printed vj sheete thereof: Was by authority of the charter of this cumpanie enioyned to cease and procede no further therein for that no pson that is not of the comminalty of this cũpanie may not vse the art of printinge in this realme otherwyse then in the servyce of the freemen of this mistery As by the said charter appeareth Wherevpon the said Richard was appointed to deliu' the said booke to Thomas Dason a printer of this cumpanye to be finished by him & the said Richard was assigned to serue the said Dason as a Iorneman to compose the formes for the Rest of the said booke for weekely wage till it be finished.

? STC 17445

? 15 Apr. 79

Court 1 Dec., see p. xix

· 1579 ·

Monday

27 Aprilis.

Hughe Singelton: Ihon: Gillam: At a court holden this day for thendinge of a controu'sie Betwixt the said pties. yt is ordered. yt ye said hughe shall bringe into ye hall at or before ye Sixt Day of Maie nexte half a hundred & xij booke of one copie called ye book of deathe And that therevpon he shall Receyue an obligacõn wherein he standeth bound to ye said Ihon Gillam.

STC 25253

Thursday

ijdo die Iulij. 1579

Nicħas le Blond
Henry Hooke his servant & mr Tottelle prentis.

Vpon the hearinge of a controu'sie betwixt the said pties yt is ordered and agreed that the said nicħas shall as sufficiently as he can teache the said Henry his occupacõn · without cõcealinge his Cũynge or workmanship from him and Without any outrage or other misusinge to be done to him. duringe the Rest of his s3vice. And so the said henry to behaue him selfe honestly and contynue his service to the said nicħas duringe ye Rest of his servyce wth him.

i.e. bookbinding

nicolas Le blond
henry Hooke

mr Goneld mr·
mr harrison } wrdens·
mr bisshop }

·1579·
21 Rie Eliz.
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Court 3 Aug., see p. xix

xo· Augusti

Monday

Henry Denham T· Dason· Vppoñ ye hearinge of a controu'sie betwixt ye said ꝑties touchinge a Booke called a handfull of Honye suckels printed by ye said T. dason & pretendyd by the said H. denham to Be a prayer booke. Yt is ordered at a court holden this day by assent of ye ꝑties. yt Dason shall deliu' all ye Rest wch he hathe of ye said booke at ye Rate of viijs ye C [to denham]· And alwayes at ye Reprintinge of ye said booke leaue out all suche titles & notes as doo shewe or declare ye same to conteyne any prayer or prayers.

i.e. Tho. Dawson
cf. STC 13975, pt. ii (Denham, 1583), ent. to Denham 7 Nov. 81

(*in margin*) A newe order made . 6 . decẽbr' 1585· & entred in this booke whereby this copie is awarded to mr Dason

see p. 18

Vltimo die Augusti·

Monday

Mr. Marshe. I. Kingston. Whereas an order [was made] on the xxijth day of Maie 1573· by the then. mr· Wardens. & adsistantes of this Cũpanye. betwixt the said .T. m'she & .I. kingston concerninge three booke· viz Esopes fables. Holie dialoges. and thepitome of Colloquies as by the same order moore plainely appearith. And whereas diu'se debate & controu'sies haue sithence growen and arisen betwixt the said ꝑties touchinge the printinge of the said booke wch was appointed to the said Kingston by the said form' order & nowe prtendyd by the said m'she to be Released to him by meanes of a gen'all quitance wch he affyrmeth to haue obteyned at thande of kingston ffor the appeasinge of wch debate & controu'sies & for an Vnitie & frendship to be had & contynued betwixt the said ꝑties. yt is this said last of August 1579 ordered & decreed by the mr wardens & adsistante of this cũpanye by & wth thassent & submission of the said ꝑties in this behalf that ye said form' order shall from-henceforth stand voyd And that the bonde wherein the said ꝑties are bound for the ꝑformance thereof shalbe cancelled Item that the said Thomas m'she. shall from hensforth enioye the printinge of the said three booke wthout lett of Kingston. Item that the said Thomas m'she shall pay Vnto the Wardens of this Cũpany to the vse of the said Kingston . ls ỹmedyatly and other . ls before hollontyde next *Ihon Kyngst⟨õ*

(1) cf. STC 171 or 181 and Herb. 868
(2) STC 4771 and Herb. 862
(3) cf. STC 10461

(*in margin*) pd the first . ls Accordingly pd. the last ls also accordinglye

Mr Gonnelde mr
mr harrison thelder and mr Bisshop } wardens /

Inter Iohem̃ Daye et Ricum̃ Daye ex vna ꝑte et wiłłum Seres et Henricum Denham ex altera ꝑte.

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xviijo die Ianuarij 1579(/80): anno xxijdo RR Elizabethe /

Monday

At a courte holden this daie by assente of the said ꝑties it was awarded and ordered by the mr & wardens wth the more ꝑte of the reste of the assistaunte of this Companye for thending and determyninge of all controuersies begonne or

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that maie hereafter growe betweene the saide ꝑties or anie of them concerninge the printinge of annie booke or booke Copie or Coppies Claimed or to be claymed by the said ꝑties or anie of them by reason or meanes of theire or annye of their priveledge

ffirste that the saide Denham and Seres maie at all times hereafter duringe their or either of their priveledge printe ioyntly w^th the prymers onelie and not sunderly therefrom the brief Cathechisme onelie in manner & forme as it was vsuallie heretofore printed ioyntly therewithe by wiłłm Seres thelder deceased or his assignes and not in anie other sorte addicõn [or] alteracõn whatsoeuer /

cf. STC 16087-9

cf. STC 16092-3

Item that the saide Iohn Daie and Richard Day maie at all times hereafter during their priveledge printe all suche cathechismes as they or either of them haue heretofore printed by vertue of anie priveledge to them or either of them graunted w^toute anie Challenge to the printinge of the said cathechismes or anie of them to be pretended or made by the said Seres & Denham or either of them or anie other for them or either of them in anie wise /

Court 1 Feb., see p. xix

FOL. 434^a (Monday)

fact' ·8· Ian': (*?Feb.*)

m^r Denh^am Arnold hatfield

appr. to H. D., free. 16 Jan. 81

Yt is agreed that Arnold hatfeild shall dep̄t from m^r denh^am At a moneth from this day payinge iij^li. whereof the hall to haue x^s: & ·h· denham l^s

(*in margin*) paid this x^s to m^r Coldock ·6· maij 1581·

Saturday

·11· Aprilis .1580·

The m^r wardens· and assistante. /

Tho. Drap.

see Reg. A 227b–264b (1579–93), cf. pp. 28, 43

At a co^rt holden this daie there is vppon a charitable motion and toward the furtherãce of Learninge, graunted a benevolence of xx^s. a quarter from this Daye quarterlye to be payd to Tho· Drap soñe of widoe Drap in paules churchyard in London toward his exhibycõn at the vniu'sitie of Oxf' where he nowe remayneth in all Soules colledge. The w^ch is to contynewe paiable only duringe the good wille of the m^r wardens and adsistante or y^e moore pte of them and no lenger

(*in margin*) 9 dec' 1583·vpon the request of y^e right hon'able S^r ffr' walsingham This benevolence is augmented by .v^s· A quarter. w^ch maketh yt in all .v^li· A yere from x̄pms next

Friday

iij^o die Iunij

Co. beadle, 25 Mar. 78, Reg. A 223b, see pp. 23, 24

Tymothe Ryder·

Yt is ordered this daie. That Tymothie Rider shall from mydsomer next beside the xl^s· w^ch he hathe yerelie alreadye: haue iiij^li moore: That is to saie in the wholle vj^li yerelie and so to Be sett downe in the Renters booke.

Saturday

Secũdo die Iulij ·1580

Vnderwarden·

By occasion of diu'se speches vsed about theleccõn of y^e vppwarden· yt is ordered & agreed. y^t if any ꝑson havinge ben but ones [vnder] warden: shalbe noĩated in y^e eleccõn of thuppwarden & y^e

choyse fall not vpon him. that y^en he shall not thereby claime to be freed from beinge chosen vnderwarden againe but maie notw^thstandinge be elected vnderwarden againe when it shalbe thought meete / 1580. A° 22 Rĩe Eliz'

✓ *Iames goneld* ✓ *C · Barker*
✓ *Iohn haryson* ✓ *wyllyam norton*
✓ *G · Bysshop* ✓ *Richard watkyns*
✓ *Rychard Tattyll* ✓ *Thomas marshe*
✓ *Iohñ Waley* ✓ *Henry denhañ ·* } ? present as Rwg
Ihoñ Daye ✓ *w^m Crooke* }
Ihon Iudson

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xij° · Septembr' (*1580*) Monday

Willm̃ lobley
Tom^as Chapmã

The said pties haue submitted y^em selves to stand to thorder of y^e m^r wardens and Assistantꝭ or y^e moore ꝑte of y^em Concernynge all controu'sies & dem^aundꝭ : vpon paine that if either of y^em breake the same order. That then he shall forfait xx^li to suche vse as y^e said m^r wardens & Assistantꝭ or y^e moore ꝑte of y^em shall Appoint. appr. 1558–9, free. bef. 1569

by me wyllyã Lobley
Thomas Chapman

m^r norton m^r
m^r m'she } w^rdens.
m^r dewce }

17 Iulij 1581. Monday

Yt is agreed That Tho Vautroull^r his wife shall finishe this pñt ympression w^ch shee is in hand w^thall in her husbandꝭ absence of Tullies epĩes w^th lambines ãnotacõns and deliu' those that haue ptꝭ therein w^th the said Tho. to be disposed at their pleasures their said ptꝭ. And that at the Retorne of the said Thomas, yf [*this matter concernynge the tytle of m^r marshe to the said booke: shalbe Referred to the board here by the said m^r m'she and the said Thom^as and his ꝑten's. maysters And yf*] his title be found vnsufficiẽt [*good*] [to the said booke] then the said Thomas and his said ꝑten's to yeild suche Recõpence to m^r. Tho. m'she for this impression as the Table shall think good ffor that the said Thomas m'she nowe p'tendithe title thereto / STC 5298 (1579) cf. STC 5296 (1574)

ix° die oct' · Monday

willm̃ [*Lobley*] Bartley
Oliu' wilkꝭ.

Vppon a complaint made by the said willm̃ against the said Olyver. yt is ordered by their assentꝭ. That they shall stand to thorder of the m^r wardens and assistantꝭ or the moore ꝑte of them and shall enter into bond one to another in x^li. to abide Their end. beinge ended before the Thard of november next.

william Bartlet
olyuer wylkes

1581· ã° ·23· regni Regine Eliž &c'

yarreth Iames Roger ward.

Vppon the hearinge of a matter in controuersie betwene the said ꝑties : yt is ordered w^th thassent of the said ꝑties That the said Roger shall ymediatly pay vnto the said yarreth .x^s. in full discharge of the said controu'sie w^ch was touchinge a ballad of thenterteinm^t of the frenchmen /

(not traced)

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free. 5 Oct. 69

(not traced)

(no record)

Ric' Garnett & xp̃ofer hackford his appñtice/

At a Courte holdeñ this daie it was agreed and ordered that the said Richard Garnett shall make the said xp̃ofer a free-mañ of this Companie the nexte tyme that [anie] other shalbe made free of the same, the said xp̃ofer bearinge all the charge in that behalf and not Demaundinge any apparell at the said Richarde hande at that tyme savinge onelie a shirte & a couple of bande (w^ch the said Richard promised then to giue him) And alsoe yt was ordered that the said xp̃ofer shall Doe the saide Richard honeste & Diligent service for half a yere from this Daie for meate Drinck wasshinge lodginge & xviij^d weekelie wage /

Tuesday

9 Ianuarij (*1581/2*)

Henr' Denham Edward White.

At a court holden this daye. yt is ordered by thassent of the said ꝑties · whereas the said ·H· denham [hathe Printed] a booke called y^e diamond of devotion · A ꝑte whereof was taken out of a copie of y^e said Ed· whites Called the footepath of faithe. That the said ·h· denham shall pay vnto the seid Edward in Recompence of the Iniury by y^t occasion growen to y^e said Edward. iij^li. vj^s. viij^d before y^e 25^th of m'che next. And y^t at the Reprintinge of the said dyamond of devocõn the said henry and his Assignes shall Leave out all yt was taken out of the said copie of the said Edward And so y^e said Edw. to enioye the said footpath as heretofore he did· And the said henry and his ass' to enioy the said Diamond. Leavinge out at all imp^rssions thereof hereafter. asmuche as was taken out of the said copie of the said Edw.

D.D. ent. to H. D. 30 June 81, cf. STC 11041–4 (1602) *F.F.* STC 11039

Monday

Decimo Quinto die Ianuarij

m^r Tottell
m^r Barker
Raffe Newbery
Henrie Bynneman

At a courte holden this daie it is ordered and agreed by the maister wardens and assistante of this Companie w^th thassente of the said ꝑties concerninge the printinge of a booke of m^r Lamberdes Compilinge called Eirenarche That the said Raffe and Henrye shall printe this firste ympression of ffiftene hundred bookes. thereof w^ch they are nowe in hande w^thall to their owne vses gyvinge vnto the said m^r Tottell & m^r Barker freelie halfe a hundred of the same | Bookes Equallie betwene them, And it is likewise Ordered and agreed That alwaies after the finishinge of the [said] firste ympression of the said booke, The same booke as often as it shalbe reprinted augmentid or altered shalbe printid to the equall benifittes of the said m^r Barker m^r Tottell Raffe & henry And at the equall Charges of them ffowre Prouided alwaies and it is

STC 15163 (1581), ent. to R. N. and H. B. 2 Jan. 82

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STC 15164 (1582)

likewise moreover ordered and agreed That the said booke at the said firste ympression, and at all other ympressions thereof hereafter Shalbe onelie Published as printed by the said Raffe and Henrye at thassignem^te^ of the said C Barker and R Tottell / 1581/2 Anno 24 RRne Elizabethe

·2· Aprilis (*1582*) Monday

m^r^ newbery
m^r^ byneman

Yt is agreed this Daie and promised on their behalf. That they shall before mydsomer next. or then p'sently begin to printe an ymp'ssion of m^r^ cowps Dyctionarye. / STC 5689 (1584) ent. 30 Dec. 84

m^r^ Goneld mr
m^r^ Barker·
m^r^ Coldock wardens

iij° die Septembr' Monday

Whereas Iohn hunsworth hathe a [present] prentise w^ch^ was orderly presented to him about twoo yeres synce (Complaint beinge made by the workmen printers ag^t^ the multitude of prentises) The age & infirmitie of the said : I : hunsworthe considered. yt is ordered. That he may Retaine his said Apprentyce to thend of his apprentiship. to thend he may the better be hable to maintein him self only two presented: T. Draper, 19 June 81, I. Bahere, 28 Oct. 81

priõ die octobr' 1582 Monday

m^d^ that willm̃ lobley had gyveñ vnto him latelye in almes of the house — xx^s^·

Also gyveñ vnto willm̃ bartley and Richard garnet toward their Reliefe beinge at this pñt in misery — xv^s^. i.e. W. Bartlett R. G., see p. 12

26 nov. (*25 Eliz.*) Monday

Gyven by assent of the table as folow^th^ viž

To Abraham Cotton — x^s^ A.C., Reg. B 487^b^, cf. p. 14
To willm̃ Tart — iij^s^ iiij^d^ W.T., Reg. B 487^b^ cf. A 239^a^
To ffraunc̨e godliffe — xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Court, 24 Feb., see p. xix

·8· Aprilis (*1583*) Fol. 436^a^ Monday

Peter frenche — In consideracõn of his disease and vppon his humble peticiõn shewinge his poore estate. yt is ordered that the Renter presently shall gyve vnto him—v^s^. And that fromhenceforthe he shall haue a pention of xx^s^ p Anñ Duringe the pleasure of the cũpanye. see p. 16

m^r^ Harrison m^r^
m^r^. watkins &
m^r^ newbery wardens· for entry of 30 Sept. 1583 see p. 2

. 7 octobr'. Monday

m^r^ Barker &. I. Kingston — whereas Iohn kingston hathe printed of her ma^ties^ Iniũctions to the nũber of xxx^c^. as he affyrmeth vpon his credyt & not aboue· yt is ordered that he shall bringe in all the first leaves thereof to m^r^ Barker who will printe the same againe for kingston w^th^ the vinyate STC 10104 i.e. vignette

1583· A°·25^to·· Rne Eł· and m'ke of m^r barker to yt. And this imp'ssion finished & vttered The said kingston neu' to Reprint the said booke /

By me Ihon kyngston

(not traced) mother sutton. Yt is agreed that toward her Relief beinge A poore old woman shee shall haue of the benevolence of the cũpanie— iij^s iiij^d a quarter. whereof the first paym^t to be made pñtly. And entry hereof to be made in the Renters book accordingly.

Wednesday

15 Ianuarij· (*1583/4*)

Io windet T Iudson· cf. p. 15 Yt is ordered that they shall enter into bond one to another to be ꝑten's in printinge for v yeres / And that duringe y^t Tyme the said Windet shalbe accoumpted the maister printer. And yf after thexpiracõn of the said v yeres they breake of from ꝑten'ship by wyndet̨ meanes w^thout consent of the m^r wardens & assist^t̨ or moore ꝑte of them. That then from thensforth Iudson shall enioy the place of A maister printer accordinge to thelection that hathe ben alredy made wherein the choise hathe fallen vpon him /

Tuesday

18 febr'

Edw. white Io. lastles· appr. trs. this day It is ordered & agreed [y^t] at thend of the p'ntiship of this lastles beinge nowe put ou' to the said Edward white. The said Edward shall gyve vnto the said app'ntis ou' & beside his ordenarie Woorkedaie apparell· one shoote of newe apparell w^th A faire newe cloke fytt & mete for him in the Iudgem^t of the m^r & wardens then beinge.

Fol. 436b Tuesday

26 m'cij

Abraham Cotton see p. 13 At this court yt was agreed that m^r warden should pay x^s of the free gift of the Cũpay to the Relief of Abraham cotton a poore man in great extremitie of sicknes.

Counsel to the Co., cf. Reg. A 233b–261a (1582–92) T. N., cf. Reg. A 79b–237a (1561–84) 20s. p.a. Monday (not traced) m^r Ric' grafton. m^r wright Drap m^r Denham and his ꝑteners. / cf. STC 16093 ff. At this court yt is agreed that m^r Ric' graftõn Shall haue that place and fee in this cũpanie w^ch m^r Thomas norton Esquier Deceased lately had / Yf it please him to Accept of the place /

6^to Ap^rlis

At this court vpon the hearinge of the matter in controu'sies betwene the said ꝑties and by them submitted to y^e Iudgem^t of this co^rt. concernynge xxxij Realmes of disorderly false printed prỹmers w^ch were found in thand̨ of the said wright and by vertue of A warrant frõ the lord̨ of the counsell to y^e late lord maior were sent to this hall· Yt is ordered that the said Denham and his ꝑten's to theer vse shall haue & enioy the said nũber of prỹmers w^th a Releas from the said wright for y^e same / And shall therefore pay vnto him foure shillinǵ for

? by Roger Ward

eu'y Reame of the same / At w^ch Rate they are sett in respect they were falsly printed and ag^t her ma^tᵉ graunt / (*entry crossed off*) 1584 A° 26 el̃.

(*in margin*) Cancelled by consent of bothe p̄ties & order of A court holden 4^to maij 1584 /

m^d that on the 4^th of Ap'l 1584· [Roger Ward] In the p̃nce of A court of assistantᵉ did offer vnto m^r wright That yf he would accept of thorder abouesaid / Then he the said Ward would satisfie vnto him v^li ou' & aboue the total sõme that the said prỹmers should amount vnto at y^e rate abouesaid /. but neu'theles m^r wright not acceptinge that offer consented rather to the cancellinge of the order last abouesaid / *sic* for 4 May

prīo Iunij Monday

Walter mantell Vpon his humble peticõn / beinge in extremitie of sicknes / yt is agreed. That there shalbe gyven vnto him toward his Relief by the handᵉ of the wardens, the sõme of ten shillingᵉ of the cũpanies moñey in their handᵉ — x^s· free. 21 Jan. 83

m^r Tottell m^r
m^r bishop
m^r newbery } w^rdeñs / Fol. 437^a

.3· Augusti· Monday

Io. windet
Tho. Iudson
m^res bỹneman. Whereas henry cobbold late p'ntise to henry bỹneman is by order put ouer to tho. Iudson / And likewise wiłłm nordon late also p'ntise to y^e said henry bỹneman is by like order putt ou' vnto the said Iohn windet. ffor asmuche as the said Io. windet. & tho. Iudson are nowe p̄ten's in printinge /. yt is ordered by their assentᵉ that the said thom^as & Iohn shall fromhenceforth duringe y^e seu'all termes of p'ntishodᵉ of the said apprentises haue equall interest & benefit in y^e servicᵉ of y^e said app'ntises. and likewise indifferently beare all chargᵉ of the said app'ntises equally betwene them. Also yt is ordered and they doo p̄mise to pay vnto m^res byneman the sõme of vj^li vj^s viij^d in forme folowinge. that is to saie. at or before the xxiiij^th daie of this instant moneth of Auguste—iij^li. vj^s viij^d And at or before the xxiiij^th day of Decemb̄ next other iij^li.

By me *I. windet*
By me Thomas Iudson

appr. trs. 6 Feb. 84
appr. trs. 26 Mar. 84
see p. 14

Vltīo Augusti Monday

Io baetman
Io bradway. It is ordered by assent of the said p̄tie That the said bradway beinge indetted to baetman in x^s. shall pay the same by xij^d a weeke, The first paym^t to be made on Satterday next and so from Satterday to Satterdae in eu'y weeke· xij^d till the whole dett be p^d And eu'ye paym^t to be made at the said baetmans house / free. 3 Nov. 78
free. 18 Jan. 80
i.e. 5 Sept.

·1584· Vltīo Sept' (*Wednesday*)

26. eliz'· free. in 1557 Gamlin At a court holden this daye. There is graunted to Alañ Gamlyn toward his Relief An yerelie pencõn of vj^{s} viij^{d} p̄ ānũ/ To be quarterly paid viz̄· xx^{d} a q̄ter And the first paym^{t} to be made at x̄pistms next· to be paid by thand̄e of the Renters. see p. 17

Joan F., cf. p. 17 P. F. died aft. 25 June Wido french Item there is graunted to the widowe of peter frenche toward her Relief· A like yerelie pencõn of vj^{s} viij^{d} p̄ ānũ to be p^{d} by thand̄e of the Renters p̄ xx^{d} A quarter. The first paym^{t} to be presently paid/ see p. 17

agreed y^{t} as often as any booke betwene [*pten'sh*] p̄ten's shalbe printed The printer shall deliu' the wast [*of*] to the best of y^{e} p̄ten's to the behoof of y^{e} rest to make vp those yt be vnp̄fect

(*in margin*) p̄nt m^{r} bishop & m^{r} newbery wardens m^{r} norton m^{r} haryson m^{r} Iudson m^{r} watkins m^{r} Coldok m^{r} howe m^{r} myddleton

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29 oct

p̄nt The m^{r} & wardens		m^{r} Iudson
	m^{r} Goneld	m^{r} Coldocke.
	m^{r} norton	m^{r} cooke.
	m^{r} harrison.	m^{r} Connewey
	m^{r} waley.	m^{r} middleton.

yt is agreed this day at a court holden That the wardens of this yere shalbe alowed out of the stocke of the hall for all suche sõmes of mõney as they shall employe about the p̄curinge of an Act of p̄liam^{t} for confirmacõn of y^{e} charter of the house or any other good aucthorytie on matters tendinge to y^{e} coñodyty of the house / makinge A true accoumpt of the bestowinge thereof:

Monday

18 Ianuarij ·1584 (/5)· A^{o} 27 ·El'· R^{ie}.

p̄nt m^{r} & wardens	m^{r} harrison	m^{r} Coñewey
m^{r} Goneld supplyinge	m^{r} barker	m^{r} howe
the m^{rs} place	m^{r} watkins	m^{r} denham
	m^{r} Cooke	

cf. STC 16093? M^{d} yt by y^{e} mediacõn of the Wardens & assent of y^{e} exercisers of Ric' Daies p'uilege. yt is ordered & agreed y^{t} for y^{eir} vse· Thom^{as} purfoote duringe y^{e} said p'uilege shall haue & enioy the printinge of y^{e} first leafe of y^{e} lyttle Catechisme w^{ch} he before printed As Assignee to Iohn daie deceased. ffor the printinge whereof yt is ordered and agreed And they haue p̄mised & agreed That they shall pay vnto him after y^{e} Rate of ij^{s} iiij^{d} for eu'y Realme. And shall also finde sufficient pap̄ for the doinge thereof· And yt is ordered and agreed that he shall doo y^{eir} w^{r}k well & orderly as he ought to doo. And y^{t} they shall pay him orderly for his woork as yt shalbe done

2 febr' (*Tuesday*) — 1584/5 Aº· 27 Eliz'

George Wapull — by assent of a court holden this day There is gyven to him to further him in his voiage wch he prposeth into Norenbegue — xs
Yf he goo not in yt voiage he is to restore ye mõny. — Clerk of the Co. 1571–5 see Reg. A 239a

jº m'cij· — Monday

Lant — gyven to him for warninge the Cũpanie — ijs· / — see Reg. A 239a

2. m'cij/ — Tuesday

paid to my L. maiors offycer accordinge to A p'cepte from his Lp to this Cumpany for one Segare for wrytinge certen Instrumte — iijs iiijd.

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5 Aprlis 1585 — Monday

Alan Gamlin wydowe french. — To either of them at a court holden this day. It is graunted· That where they haue of the benevolence of this Cumpany· one yerlie pencõn either of them of A noble A peece· They shall fromhenceforth yerely· haue a marke A peece either of them yerely fromhenceforth in lieu of their said form' pencõns. The first paymt to be made at mydsom' next. / — see p. 16 i.e. 6s. 8d. i.e. 13s. 4d.

iijº die Iulij 1585· Aº 27 Eliz· — Saturday

pñt· mr Tottel mr
mr bishop, mr newbery } wrdens
mr Goneld
mr norton
mr harrison
mr walley
mr Iudson
mr watkins
mr barker
mr Coldok
mr Cooke
mr Conway
mr denham
mr myddleton
mr Cawood
mr pet' Conway. — P. C. free. 14 Oct. 68

At this full court beinge thelection Daye [*Vpon*] There is frely gyven to Beniami Goneld soñe of mr Iames Goneld of this Cũpanye. and nowe student in Cambridge / towards his exhibicõn, one yerely payment of ffyve pounde. To haue Contynuance during the good will of ye Cũpany — cf. Reg. A 241b–251a (1585–9), free. 26 June 89

mr Goneld mr /
mr Barker.
mr Coñeway. Wardens / — Court 22 July, see p. xix

·4to· octobr'· — Monday

yt is concluded at a court holdeñ this day that there shalbe of the coñon stock of this societie· vli adventured for xxtie lotte viž vs a lott for the gen'all bodie of the Cũpanie / in the lotterie nowe erected in London. — ? by private subscription only item in Reg. is 6 delivery of lottery tickets

There shalbe iiijli alowed of the coñon stocke toward the cũpanies dỹner on the day my ·L· maior taketh his oathe. And yt beinge not sufficient the Rest to be supplied by eu'y man Ratably. — see Arber i. 514 ff. 10. 8 i.e. 29 Oct.

·1585· Mr Goneld Mr
28 Eliz Mr Barker } wrdens
Fol. 438b Mr. h·Cõneway }

Monday .6. Decembr'.

mr Denham Yt is ordered by their consentę That mr denham shall from-
STC 13975 ff., pts. i–iii mr Dason henceforth enioye as his own copie to his own vse. The seven sobbes. The handfull of honysuckles and the wydowes myte.
cf. p. 9 And that the said henry Denhã or his eẽ shall pay vnto the said Thomas dason or his exec' the sõme of Sixe poundę of laufull Englysh moñey at or before or lady day in lent next· Viz iiij^{li} for printinge the said handfull of honysuckles diu'se tymes heretofore to thiniurie of the said Dason. And xls for the said Dasons Interest in the same booke

by me henry Denham
by me Thomas Dawson

Monday 7 marcij (*1585/6*)

hughe Singleton By consent of a court holden this daye There is gyven to
see Reg. A 242a hughe Syngleton· toward his Relief the sõme of Twenty shillingę

see Reg. A 241b Starchãber cause Alowed at this court for the charge of a dynn' for many of the ancientę and others of the cũpanye beinge warned to attend before the counsell at the starrechãber in A cause concerninge the whole bodie of the Cũpanye the sõme of twenty shillingę

Starchãber Cause· Also alowed at this court for chargę disbursed in the said cause in the [star] chamber — Lvijs [*ijd*]
In suche ptycular wyse as folowth Viz

see Reg. A 241b	To Mr Beale	xls.
see Reg. A 241b	To the poursuyvant	xs.
(not traced)	ffor Bothyere	vjd (*altered from* vjs)
see Reg. A 242a	Item. spent in the serche	vjs viijd
		Sma· lvijs [*ijd*]

see Reg. A 242a Iames banckę Itm̃ gyven by order of this court to Iames banckę toward his Reliefe — xs

Fol. 439a h spoon'· pd by order of this Court to hughe spoon' for bindinge certen
see Reg. A. 242a bookę [printed] agt mr Tottellę p'uilege wch moñey mr tottell is to ãswere to the house — iijs·

Sunday 10 Aprlis·

Tharmorer. Agreed yt tharmorers fee shalbe made vp to xxs. a yere from-henceforthward where yt was but xiijs iiijd a yere before /

2· maij (*Monday*) 1586.

Duffeild. Gyven to Thom^s Duffield by order of Court toward his Reliefe beinge sick and making a peticõn for Relief — x^s 28 Eliz free. 17 Oct. 69, see Reg. A 242^a

m^r norton m^r
m^r Byshop } w^rdens
m^r Denham }

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18 Iulij Monday

Agreed in full court this day. That m^r wardens shall pñtly pay to m^r Grafton out of the hall stock xl^li for sufficient causes nowe considered· w^ch is to levied (*sic*) againe in forme folowing. viz, see Reg. A 244^a, for Star-ch. decree

m^r Barker offreth v^li toward yt w^ch he will pñtly pay. see below

The rest is to be levied accordinge to such order as shalbe hereafter taken /

·25^to Iulij· Monday

present· y^e m^r & w^rdens: m^r Barker m^r Cooke
m^r Iudson m^r Coldok m^r dewce
m^r watkins m^r newbery m^r howe /

m^r Barker contynueth in his resolution to alowe the v^li abouesaid — v^li. see Reg. A 243^b

(*in margin*) solut'. io^mo· oct'· 1586

Also yt is nowe agreed that the ꝑties ensuynge shall paie as folow^th toward the levyinge of the charge abouesaid

·viz·

m^r Tottell v^li [p^d] } see Reg. A. 246^b
m^r Seres xl^s [p^d] }
Ric dayes assignees v.^li [solut'. viij°. Iulij. 1587.] see Reg. A 243^b
m^r marshe or his ass' (*no sum entered*)
m^r fflowers assignees v^li:
Thexecuters of Bynnemans p'uilege xl^s /

m^r norton
m^r harrison } haue p^d iiij^li for y^eir ꝑ^te of m^r flowers p'uilege } see Reg. A 246^b but for 1587/8
m^r wight
m^r watkins

m^r Denham hathe p^d. xx^s for his ꝑ^t of m^r Bynnemans p'uilege.

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22 Augusti Monday

Rob̃t Robinson yt is agreed that he shall print one imp'ssion for the cũpany. of the myrro^r of mans life w^ch was bynnemans copie. ꝑvided that noñe but suche as be free of this cũpany haue any ꝑte thereof. Also he ꝑmiseth to pay vj^d in the ti of the said Impression towards the relief of the poore according to thorder in y^t behalf STC 14095 STC 14092-4

4^to Septembr' Sunday

Io. hunsworth· Gyven to him vpon his peticõn toward his Relief· by consent of court — xx^s free. 30 Apr. 56

1586 · a° 28 · Rĩe Eliz

Duodecimo die Octobris 1586 · (*Wednesday*)
Anno xxviij^uo. Rie Elizabeth. /

pñt. m^r Byshoppe and m^r denham wardens /

see Arber ii. 791

Whereas Anthonye Hill sythence the makinge of the late ordonanc̨e in the moste honnorable Courte of Starrechamber w^che are exemplyfied vnder the greate seale of England Concerninge Reformation of abuses (& stablishinge of good orders) in printinge & bookesellinge, Hathe transgressed the said ordonnaunc̨e in dyvers thinge̊ & soe incurred the danger of punyshem^t of ymprysonmente & other forfaytures accordinge to the qualitye of his offence · Nowe for asmuche as the said Ordonnaunc̨e haue not beene putt in execucõn againste the said Anthonye for this offence / Yt is ordered by the said decrees, that the said Anthonye shall not at any tyme hereafter by himself or any other by his procurem^t keepe any pryntinge howse of hys owne as m^r, (excepte he be admytted therevnto accordinge to thorders of the said decrees) but onlye to worke & lyve as a Iourneyman & workeman for wages in the trade & facultye of pryntinge

By me Anthony hill

Hijs Testibus. { *Richard watkyns*
Thomas Purfoote Iunior'. /

Fol. 440b

(*No date entered : after 17 Oct.*)

pñte	m^r. & w^rdens.	m^r watkins	m^r myddleton
	m^r Goneld	m^r Barker	m^r howe
	m^r harrison	m^r Coldocke	m^r Cooke

cf. STC 25079, ent. to T. Cadman 7 Nov. 86

cf. STC 15617–22, and pp. 21, 34, 36

cf. STC 16088 ff.

cf. STC 2399 ff.

Whereas the wardens on monday the 17 day of october 1586 · vpon serche of Roger wardę house dyd fynd there in printinge a book in verse intytled Englandę albion beinge in english and not aucthorised to be printed / w^ch he had ben forbidden to prynte/. aswell by the · L · archb. of Canterburye as also by the Wardens at his own house./ Item they found there in printinge the grãmar in 8^uo belonginge to the p'uilege of m^r ff fflower Item certen formes readie sett of the cathechismes belonging to Ric' dayes p'uilege. and of the prỹmers belonginge to Wiłłm Seres p'uilege by her ma^ties lr̃es patentę. Item Psalter calender ready sett. and certen other formes redy sett of other mens copies · And forasmuche as all this he hathe doñe contrarye to the late decrees of the hon'able court of starre chamb̃. The said Wardens seised iij heapes of the said Englandę albyon. and the firste leafe of the gramm̃er in 8^uo and iij presses and diu'se other p̨cellę of pryntinge stuffe by vertue of the said decrees and accordingly brought them to the stacõners halle Whereuppon yt is nowe concluded & ordered accordinge to the said decrees · / That the said presses and pryntenge stuffe shalbe made vnservyceable defaced & vsed in all pointę accordinge to the teno^r of the decrees aforesaid : /

Tertio die Novembr': 1586· (*Thursday*)

Present/
M^r. Norton { m^r.
m^r Bishop } wardens
m^r denham }
m^r Goneld/
m^r harrison theld^r
m^r watkins/
m^r Barker/
m^r Coldock/
m^r Newberye/
m^r Mydleton./

Whereas the wardens on Mondaye the laste daie of October 1586· did by vertue of the late decree of the Starrechamber exemplyfied vnder her ma^te greate seale of England Seise one presse & certen lr̃es & printinge stuffe in the Countye of Mid̃d belonginge to Roberte Bourne, Henrye Iefferson & Lawrence Tuck or to som̃e of them, for that they contrarye to the said decree had printed therew^th the Grammer belonginge to thassignes of m^r ffrauncę fflower by vertue of her ma^te lr̃es patentę to him in that behalf graunted/ Whiche beinge broughte to the Stacõners hall accordinge to the said decree./ Yt is nowe ordered & decreed by force of the same, that the said Presse letters & printinge stuffe shalbe made vnserviceable defaced & vsed in all pointę accordinge to the said decree/ And alsoe yt is ordered and decreed that the said Robert Bourne Henrye Iefferson & Iohn danter Gilbert Lee & Thomas dunne and all others that wroughte vpon thimpression of the said booke, shall fromhenceforth be Dyshabled to prynte, otherwyse then as Iourneymen in pryntinge, & shall never hereafter keepe any printinge howse to their or any of their owne behoof/ but be vtterlie barred therefrom accordinge [to] the said Decrees./

R. B., cf. Reg. A 244^b

see p. 20

G. L. appr. trs. 4 Aug. 89
T. D. free. 8 Oct. 79
Fol. 441^a

v^to. Decembr'. (*29 Eliz.*)

Monday

Yielded Jan.

Tho. East

Yt is ordered at a courte. houlden this daie, that Thomas Easte shall haue the ymprintinge of Morrall philosophie and Tullyes officę in englishe and Latyne for the vse of the Cumpanye, and noñe other to printe them from him. w^thout his Consent [*And alsoe [his] he is p̃ntlie to goe in hand to printe Heywoodę whole workę for the Companye*/]

cf. p. 45
STC 1263–5
STC 5286–7

cf. STC 13288 (T. Marsh, 1587)

6^to ffebr' (*1586/7*)

Monday

Rob̃t walley ffr'. Godlif.

Whereas Rob̃t walley demaundith of ffr' Godlif [*xl^s*] xliiij^s iiij^d as due by a bill of the said ffr' made to Iohn walley dated the 26 of Ianuary in the ix^th yere of the quenes reign Yt is ordered by their consentę that the said ffrãuncę shall pay to the said Robert xx^s in forme folowinge. Viz̃ x^s at o^r lady day next· and x^s at mydsom' next: and that vpon full paym^t so made of the said xx^s the said bill shalbe void & Redeliu'ed to the said ffr' to be cancelled· p̣uided alwaies that if defalt be made of or in paym^t of the said xx^s or any p̣te thereof contrary to this order· Then the said bill to stand in effect. And the said Rob̃t to be at lib̃tie to sue for the whole xliiij^s iiij^d conteined in the bill

J. W. died bef. 28 Apr 86
i.e. 1566/7

Robert walley ffrauncys Godlyf.

1586/7· Roƀt walley
An° 29 Rĩe Augustine Laughton
Éliz·/

Vppon the hearinge of a controu'sie betwene [them] concerninge xxvij^{s} & od moñey demaunded by the said Roƀt of y^{e} said Augustine as due vpon a Reckon-

see p. 21

inge betwene the said Augustine & Iohn walley father of the said Roƀt/ Yt is by their consentȩ ordered that in satisfaccõn of the said debt: The said Augustine shall pay vnto the said Roƀt xxvj^{s} viij^{d} by a noble a quarter till yt be paid. The first paym^{t} to be made at o^{r} lady day next.

Robert walley *Augustin Lawton·*

(*in margin*) This moñey is paid & dyscharged the xixth of ffebr'· 1587(/8)· at a Courte the same daye houlden/

Wednesday

At Stacioners Hall in London ·15°· Marcij 1586(/7)· An° 29 Rĩe Eliz pred· A courte holden before the master wardens and assistantȩ of this Companye./

At this courte holden the said·15· of Marche .1586. it is fullye enacted ordered condescended and agreed in mann' and forme followinge./ /Viz'/

m^{r} newbery·
8 Jan. 84, Arber ii. 789
Bullingers: Decades:
STC 4058 (1587)

Imprimis whereas the booke, called Bullengers decades in Englishe, heretofore freelie yeilded and gyven to the vse of the poore of the said Companye by m^{r} Raffe Newberye, is nowe nedefull to be Reprinted, beinge in the disposition of the said m^{r} wardens and assistantȩ to the said vse, It is ordered and agreed that the said Raffe Newbery shall susteyne and beare all costes charges and provisions belonginge to thimprintinge of the said booke, at this impression and all other impressions thereof hereafter, And at the fynishinge of eu'ye impression thereof, shall sell the said bookes to all free men of the said Companye of Stacioners, for the vse of the said Companye at the Rate of ffyve shillingȩ the peece [& not aboue], and shall allowe to eu'ie one of them that

i.e. twenty-five, see NED quot. Star-ch. Decree 1584

buyethe a quarterne of the same together, one Booke freelye and without demaundinge anythinge for the same one booke, And also that the said Raffe Newbery shall paye to the handes of the wardens of this company for the tyme beinge, to the vse of the poore of the said companye the soñe of Tenne poundes vppon eu'ie Impression of Twelve Hundred and a halfe, or vnder of the said Bookes, And vppon eu'ie Impression thereof aboue the said nomber of·1250. ꝑportionably after the Rate aforesaide. And the said Raffe Newbery or his assignee, shall have all the benefyte that maye growe of the Sale or disposition of the said booke· And shall alwayes putt the said booke to Impryntinge, to suche poore prynters, as the m^{r} and wardens of the said Companye for the tyme beinge shall thincke meete. And that the said sõme of x^{li} vppon eu'ie impression shalbe alwayes payde and deliu'ed to the said wardens to thuse aforesaide. when the said Raffe Newberye hathe vttered or solde the one half of eu'ie suche impression./

(*in margin*) 20 decembr̃ 1593 Rc^{d} of m^{r} newbery in ꝑt of payment of x^{li} for one of these Impressions — ij^{li} x^{s}. Item Rc^{d} more of him 29 m^{r}cij 1594—other —ij^{li} x^{s} vt p̃z in Compo paupeꝝ

9 Aprlis (*Sunday*) 1587·

Io. Gillam Yt is ordered that mr wardens shall deliu' to Iohn Gillam for his paynes taken in goinge of messagę for the companye in Tymothies sycknesse — vjs. A° 29· Rĩe· Eliz' Fol. 442a J. G. appr. 1565–6 (29 Sept.), free. bef. 1581

9mo aprlis p'd A° 29· Rĩe· Eliz. (*Sunday*)

/present/ mr norton mr mr harrison theldr mr newberye
mr Bisshop } wrdens Mr Iudson mr Connewey
mr Denham } wrdens mr Coldock mr myddleton

Io: wolf· At a Court holden this day: fforasmuche as Tymothie Rider the Bedell by Reason of his infirmyties cannot execute the busynes of his office: Iohn Wolf a brother & freman of this Companie, is chosen & admitted to execute the said office duringe the infirmitye of the said Tymothie and vntill further order taken to the contrary by ye companye And the said Iohn is to haue for his paine therein yerely· xls, wth the availes & casualties of the office. And further it is nowe concluded & graunted at this court, That at the next avoidance of the said office by death Resignacõn surrender or Removinge of the said Tymothie The said Iohn beinge found of good behauior in the meane tyme and fytt for the place shall haue the p'ferment thereof before any other wth suche fee and alowance as the companie shall think meete. cf. p. 10 see p. 24

Tymothie Rider the bedell Neu'theles it is thought good & ordered that the said Tymothie shall enioye onelie his dwellinge in the house in the hall and his wagę of vjli p ānũ as he nowe dothe, & not aboue nor any thinge els till other order be taken by the companie to the contrary, So yt in the meane tyme he shewe him self dutifull. quiet of his good behaviour to the mr Wardens assistantę & rest of the companie/ cf. p. 24

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15 Iunij Thursday

pñte at a cort holden at Stacõners hall.

mr norton mr
mr Bishop } wardens mr Goneld mr newbery
mr denham } wardens mr harrison mr Cooke
mr Watkins mr myddleton/
mr Coldock

As touchinge ye bookę that haue ben seised and forfayted to her maiesties vse nowe Remayninge in the Stacõners hall: yt is this daye Concluded & agreed by the mr & wardens wth a full court of their assistentę. That the ptie p'tendinge Interest to the said bookę alowinge ratablie amongest them accordinge to the proporcõn of their ptes, a proportionable Rate toward the satisfaccõn of the soñe of xxxvli for thallowance of the moñey that the quene hathe ben Compounded wth for the forfeiture of the said bookę and for chargę disbursed of the coñon stock of this cũpanie about the seisinge of the said bookę: shall eche ptie Receave their ptes againe of the said bookę into their own handę: So that before the xiiijth of Iuly next they pay to the wardens of this cũpany at the said hall their seu'all Ratable porcõns of the said soñe of xxxvli. cf. Reg. A 245a, 246b

·1587· A°· 29· Rĩe·Eliz'. yielded Jan. 1584, see Arber ii. 786 STC 9316 cf. p. 25

Yt is thought good [& agreed] y^t y^e volumes of y^e statut^e at large yeilded by m^r Barker to the disposition of y^e cũpanie shall for the Relief of woorkmen to be emploied vppon thimprintinge of y^e same goo in hand to be printed if there can be found a convenient nũber of y^e cũpanie that will disburse the charge thereof.

yielded as above, STC 13657, 13673

Yt is agreed y^t y^e ij toomes of y^e homilyes shall goo in hand to be printed And asmany of the cumpanie to haue ꝑtes therein as will disburse the charge of the same/

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m^r Iudson m^r
m^r Coldock
m^r myddleton } w^rdens

Sunday

23 Iulij

p'sent· m^r Iudson m^r
m^r Coldock
m^r middleton } w^rdens
m^r norton

m^r harrison
m^r Watkins
m^r Bisshop
m^r newbery

m^r Cooke
m^r Conneway
m^r Denham
m^r howe/

At a Court holden this day: Iohn Wolff citizen and Stacõner of london is chosen and Elected Bedell of this Companie in steede of Tymothie Ryder nowe vppon iust cause Beinge clerely Remoued from y^e same office. And yt is agreed. That y^e said Iohn Wolff shall yerely duringe his Contynuance in y^e same office vppon his good Behauio^r therein, haue the yerely fee of Sixe pound^e fromhenceforthe at ffowre even quarterly paymt^e to be paid, for his good endeuo^r & paines therein to be taken. And yt is also agreed that the said Tymothie shall haue his habitation vntill mydsom' next in y^t house wherein he nowe dwellithe belonginge to the hall. Neu'theles he is not to haue any vse of the celler or kitchen of the hall otherwise then at the pleasure of the Wardens. And also yt is agreed. That the sayd Tymothie vppon his good behauiour & duringe the pleasure of the cũpanie shall haue the yerely alowance of ffoure pound^e as of the free gifte of the cũpanie toward his Relief.

see p. 23
see p. 59
see p. 38
see p. 28

Monday

Vndecimo die Septembr'.

Presente
m^r Iudson m^r.
m^r Coldock elder warden/
m^r Norton/

m^r harrison senior'/
m^r Watkins/
m^r Barker/
m^r Cooke/

m^r Connewaye
m^r Howe
Thom^as Purfoote
Thom̃s Styrroppe

died ab. end of Aug., see Reg. A 245^a

At a courte houlden this daye. In steede of m^r Henrye Myddleton younger warden deceased. m^r Richarde Greene is Elected warden for the residue of this pñte yere.

i.e. R. G. the elder

And forasmuche as the said Richarde Greene (vppon advertisemente to him gyven of this Election, by m^r Barker and m^r Connewaye beinge sente vnto him to his house in ffleetestreete from this courte for that purpose, and vppon exhortacõn to him, by them vsed, to shewe himselfe conformable in takinge

vppon him, to serue the place accordinge to the constitution in that behalfe). Hathe contrarye to thordinaunce of the companie refused to accepte and serue the same. And vppon reporte made to this courte of his answere of refusall yt is concluded and agreed by this courte, that he shall paye for a fyne ffyve Poundꝫ accordinge to thordinaunce in that behalfe. 1587· Aº 29· Rĩe· Eliz' see Reg. A 246a, and p. 27

Wherevppon a newe election beinge made accordinge to the ordynaunce. The Election fell equall vppon mr Conneway and mr Howe. And therevppon by meanes of the twoo voycꝫ of mr Iudson our mr, mr Connewaye is elected warden for the Reste of this presente yere, whoe beinge contente to serue the same place, hathe taken his oathe accordinglie/

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4 decẽbr' (*30 Eliz.*) Monday

mr denham· The whole sõme restinge vnpd to mr denham for the printinge of the statutꝫ at large, is agreed to be pd as folowth: Viz: eche pten' in the Impression, to pay xxs a weeke for the paꝑ and printinge, till his whole ꝑte be paid for. STC 9316, cf. p. 24

11º decembr'·

pr̃sent· mr Iudson, mr Coldock, mr Conneway wardens. mr Harrison, mr watkins, mr Bishop. mr Newberie, mr denham, mr Howe Assistentꝫ·

The greateste ꝑte of the printers and Iornie men beinge presente.

As concerñinge formes standinge: yt is ordered and agreed that it shall not be lawfull for anie Printer to vse and occupie the same to the hinderance of the Iornemen Printers: But that there shalbe asmanie Iournemen emploied from time to time in printinge, as there should or mighte be: if there were no formes kepte standinge

As concerninge doble imprssions or imprssions of greate numbers viz. xxvc. of a forme: yt is agreed that they shalbe reformed and none suche vsed to the hinderance of the said Iornemen/ Excepte the Grammer and Accidence whereof iiij imp'ssions maie be dõne of xxvc vppon a forme in anie one yeare. And if there be above iiij impressions printed in anie one yeare, the reste shalbe but xijc dz· vppon a forme and excepte the Bible in ·8· in the nonpariel lr̃e·/ and excepte the psalmes in 32/ And excepte anie booke in ye nonpariel lr̃e·/ and excepte proclamacõns and statutes & almanackꝫ cf. STC 15611 ff. xijc dimidium, i.e. 1250.

As concerninge the bill of exhibicõn: Thaunswere is is (*sic*) referred till the bill be seene.

(*added in a later hand*) See p. 6 a. i.e. Reg. B 6a for text of order

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5to febr' (*1587/8*) Monday

wm mychell Agreed in full cort that xxs shalbe gyven to wiłłm Mychell toward his Relief beinge sick & makinge peticõn for Relief serv. to H. Denham 1564-5, Reg. A 123a

1587/8
30 Rĩe Eliz
R. A. appr. to J. Allde 15 Jan. 81/2
J. W. (not traced)

xix^th. ffebr'./ (*Monday*)

henrye hooke Raffe Allen/ Yt is agreed at a Courte houlden this Daye, that henrye hooke shall paye vnto Iohn Wallington x^s. at mydsomer nexte, for the full satysfaccõn of suche moñey as he had w^th Raffe Allen w^che should haue been his app^rntyce, and soe the said [*hooke to be clerelye*] Raffe to be clerelye released from the servyce of the said henrye hooke/

(*in margin*) 3 Ap^rlis 1592 The seid Wallington confessed him self fully satisfied for this x^s Teste Rĩco Collins/

Monday

Quarto die Marcij 1587(/8)

Ric. G., Counsel to the Co., see p. 14

p'sente m^r Grafton, m^r Iudson m^r, m^r Coldock, m^r Connewaye } wardens; m^r Harrison thelder, m^r Bisshop, m^r Newberye, m^r denham, m^r [*Howe*] Cooke

Touchinge m^res Myddleton. At a Courte houlden this daie yt is ordeyned and decreed that m^res Myddleton shall not at anye tyme fromhenceforthe prynte anye manner of Booke or Bookę [*vntill the m^r wardens and assistentę haue bene peticioners vnto the Lord archbisshope of* [*grace*] *Canterburye his grace, to be admitted to prynte and that she by meanes thereof be admitted to prynte*] vntill suche tyme as the m^r and wardens, and ffoure other at the Leaste of the assistentę of this companie shall p'sent her name before the highe comissioners for causes Ecclesiasticall or Sixe or moe of them whereof the Archbyshop of Canterburye or Bissho⟨p⟩ of London to be one/ And that vppon suche p'sentm^t the said Comissioners or Sixe of them whereof the Arche B of Canterburye [*of*] [or] Bisshop of London to be one/ shall allowe and admitte her to be a prynter & governo^r of a presse and pryntinghouse/ accordinge to the decree of y^e starre Chamber/

Eliz. wid. of Hen. M., cf. p. 24

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Monday

Quarto die Marcij

p'sent m^r Grafton, m^r Iudson m^r, m^r Coldock, m^r Connewaie } wardens; m^r harrison thelder, m^r Bisshop, m^r Newberye, m^r denham, m^r Cooke

Mres vautroll^r At a Courte houlden this daie yt [ward] was ordeyned and decreede/ that m^res Vautrollier the late wife of Thomas Vautrollier deceased shall not at anye tyme or tymes hereafter prynte anye manner of Booke or Bookes whatsoeu', as well by Reason that her husband at the tyme of his decease was noe prynter As alsoe for that by the decrees sette downe in the starre chamber she is barred from the same.

T. V. died bet. 10 and 22 July 87

at Edinburgh 1584–6 cf. p. 27

Tho. Orwyn — At a Courte houlden the daie and yere abouesaide/ yt was moreouer ordeyned and decreed/ That Thomas Orwyn shall fromhenceforthe leave of from further dealinge w^th pryntinge of anye manner of Booke[s] or Booke or anye other thinge or thinge whatsoeuer [vntill &c^] as in thord^r for m^res Middleton/] — 1587/8· Anno R Rne Elizabethe xxx^o/ see Reg. A 248^a, and p. 28

m^r Lyle officer for the cũpanie — At a Courte houlden the daie and yere abouesaid· yt was decreede, that in steede of Roberte Hyde one of the lord maio^rs officers deceased Edwarde Lyle, one of the lord maio^rs officers shoulde be admitted into the place of the said Roberte Hyde/, and haue the fee w^ch the said Hyde had in his life tyme by meanes of his office in this companie: see p. 2

m^r Grene — At this Court also yt was Concluded and agreed that M^r Ric^ Grene of this cũpanie shall on Mondaye next pay his fyne of v^li that heretofore he Was am^ced in for Refusinge to take vpon him the yonger wardenship when he was orderly elected to the same. see p. 25 i.e. 11 Mar. see below

26 m^cij — Tuesday

pñt. ⟨m⟩^r Iudson m^r; ⟨m⟩^r Coldock, ⟨m⟩^r Coñewey, ⟨m⟩^r harrison } w^rdens; ⟨m⟩^r watkins, ⟨m⟩^r newbery, ⟨m^r⟩ Cooke, ⟨m^r D⟩enh^am

At a co^rt holden this daye, The cause of m^r Ric^ Grene touchinge his fine is thus endyd: That the fine is taken: And his election to the wardenship for this yere: Shalbe accepted as thoughe he had taken it vpon him: so y^t he is to be an assistant in his place in sort as if he had taken y^e wardenship vpon him. see above, also Reg. A 246^a and Reg. B 412^a

(*No date entered*) — Fol. 445^a

pñt m^r Iudson m^r; m^r Coldock, m^r Conneway } w^rdens; m^r norton; m^r harrison, m^r watkins, m^r Byshop; m^r newbery, m^r Cook, m^r denham, m^r howe

At a court holden this day: yt is agreed that m^res vautroll^r may fynishe the leafe of the greke testament: and also fynishe thimpression w^ch is begũne of luther Vppon thepistle to the Galathians ꝑvyded alwayes that she medle not w^th the printinge of any thinge els vntill shee ꝑcure her self to be chosen and alowed to prynt accordinge to the decrees of the starchamber. STC 2793 (1587); STC 16968–9; see p. 26

13 maij — Monday

pñt m^r Iudson m^r; m^r Coldock, m^r Coñeway } w^rdens; m^r harrison, m^r Byshop; m^r Cooke, m^r newbery, m^r denham/

Walgraue/ whereas m^r Coldock warden, Tho woodcock, oliu^ wilke and Io wolf on the 16 of April last, vpon Serche of Robt walgraues house, did seise of his and bringe to the Staccõn^s hall accordinge to the late decrees see Reg. A 248^b

1588· 30· Eliz' STC 24505 ff. of y^e [*same*] Starre chamber and by vertue thereof, A presse w^th twoo paire of Cases w^th Certen pica Romane & pica Italian letters w^th diu'se booke entituled: The state of the churche of England laid open in A conference betwene Diotrephe(s) a byshop. Tertullus a papist, demetrio an Vsurer, Pandocheo an Inkep and Paule a p'cher of gods woord ffor y^t y^e said Walgraue w^thout aucthority and Contrary to y^e said decrees had printed the said book yt is nowe in full Court holden this day ordered & agreed by force of the said decrees [&] & accordinge to y^e same. That y^e said booke shalbe burnte and the said presse see Reg. A 248b letters and printinge stuffe defaced and made vnserviceable accordinge to the said Decrees.

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iij° Ivnij

A Court holden before the M^r Wardens and assistente viz

p^rsent at this Court

M^r Iudson m^r
m^r Coldock } w^rdens
m^r Connewey
m^r Harrison theld^r

m^r watkins
m^r Byshop
m^r newbery
m^r Cooke

cf. p. 10 see Reg. A 247a see Reg. A 246b Gyven by conseñt of this Court to Thom^as Draper toward his charge of pcedinge m^r of Arte: iij^li. whereof xliij^s ix^d was an ou'plus of the Corne moñey: And the rest is to be made vp hereafter by gift of them interessed in y^e corne moñey.

wid. of Tim. R. cf. p. 24 m^res Rider Vpon m^res [Riders] pmise to avoyd out of the house at Michãs next w^thout further delay: [*And*] yt is agreed that shee shall Remaine therein till that day: And then quietly to avoid: And Iohn wolf in the meane tyme to Remaine elswhere/

see p. 27 Tho. Orwin. Yt [is] agreed: that orwins admission to be A printer shalbe entred into the booke

viz

vpon the letter of y^e Archbishop of Canterburye the byshop of london, Dcõr Cosen and Dcõr Walker Directed to this cũpany & dated .7. m'cij 1587· Thom^as Orwin accordinge to y^e starchãber decree for thelection of printers, see Reg. A 248b was elected a printer, And p'sented the xviij^th day of May 1588, to the said for identifications see Index archbishop The lieutenant of the tower, m^r Recorder, The deane of Westm', m^r doctor Awbrey. m^r Dcõr Cozen, and m^r Dcõr Lewyn By m^r Iudson m^r, m^r Coldock & m^r Connewey wardens, m^r watkins M^r Cooke, m^r Denham, and m^r howe. And therevppon on the xx^th day of maye· 1588· The said Orwyn was by the said Archbishop, the Deane of westm' & m^r Dcõr Awbrey admitted to be a printer accordinge to the said Decree/

Fol. 446a Monday

iij° Iunij

cf. Arber iii. 690 (30 June: error) Licensinge of Copies The names of Certen p'chers [& others] whome the Archbishop of Canterbury hathe made Choyse of to haue the pusinge and alowinge of Copies yt are to be printed

Viz 1588·

ffyrst Any one of these settinge his hand to a copie, to be suffycient Warrant for thalowance of the same to entringe into the hall booke & so to be ꝑceded w^th all to printinge 30 Eliz

Viz

Doctor Cosin	M^r. Hartwell	M^r. Cotten	for identifications see Index
Doctor· Stallard	M^r. Grauet	M^r. Hutchenson	
Doctor Wood	M^r. Crowley	[*M^r. Dickens*]/	

Item Any twoo of these folowinge settinge their hande to a copie to be good warrant for the purpose aforeexp^rssed

Viz

M^r. Iudson. M^r. Cole·
M^r. Trippe· M^r. Dickens/:

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25 Iunij Tuesday

A Court holden before m^r Iudson m^r, m^r Coldocke, m^r Conneway } w^rdens; m^r Goneld, M^r Norton, m^r Watkins, m^r Bysshop; m^r newbery, m^r Cooke, m^r Denh^am, m^r howe

wydoe Rider At this Court Vpon the peticõn of wydowe Ryder, yt is agreed, that Shee duringe her wydowehed shall haue ffortie shillinge yerely paid vnto her as of the free gifte of the Companie toward her relief. And to be p^d p'sently for a quarter expyring at this mydsom': And yt she shall avoid out of the [*hall*] house in [y^e] hall at Michãs next And then Io wolf to enter into yt. cf. p. 28

m^r Hacket. Yt is agreed that m^r Hacket shall Enioy his form' place in the lyv'y. Th. H. originally of the Livery in ~~1576~~ 1588/9

m^r bowes Vpon the report of m^r Grafton signifyinge that m^r Raphe Bowes Esqr is desirous to be a freman of the city & of this Cũpany: yt is agreed that vpon his Request he shalbe Receaued into the Companye Master of the Bear Baiting, free. 23 Sept. 88, cf. ent. of 18 Oct. 88, and p. 79

m^r Harrison m^r, m^r Coldok, m^r denh^am } w^rdens/

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2 Augusti Friday

wydoe Rider } w^m lobley } Vpon the heariñge of a controu'sie betwixt widowe Ryder and willm̃ lobley Conc'ninge xl^s w^ch Tymothie Rider answered to Edward white for the said willm̃: yt is ordered and agreed that the said Willm̃ for an end of the said Controu'sie shall [pay] vnto her: xxvj^s viij^d by iij^s iiij^d a quarter. The first payment to begyn at xpristm^zs next & so quarterly from thence to contynue till the xxvj^s viij^d be

1588 paid/ And this beinge ꝑformed: The said ꝑties to be quite one ag^{t} another for
A° 30 Eliz· all Demaundꝫ betwene the said w^{m} & Timothie

By me wyllyã Lobley

Signũ + dc̃e vidue

Laur' Garden'· At a co^{r}t of assistentꝫ holden this day. Vppon hearinge
appr. to L. G. 12 Mar 82, Henr' Brown· of the matter in controu'sie betwene them Referred by the
free. 2 Feb. 89 seid ꝑties to the determinac̃on of this Court: Yt is ordered that y^{e} seid henry before he be made free shall pay to the seid Lawrence v^{li} in satisfacc̃on for all demaundꝫ. And at the paym^{t} of the mo̅ey the seid laur' to gyve his assent for the makinge of the said henry free/

by me lawranc gardner

By me Henry Browne/

Monday 2. Dec^{e}̃br' (*31 Eliz.*)

m^{r} wyndet At a Co^{r}t holden this day it is agreed that the said ꝑties shall
I oswald stand to thorder of m^{r} norton and m^{r} bishop assistentꝫ in this cũpany for all causes & demaundꝫ· And if m^{r} norton shall not have lesure for the same. Then Io Oswald to choose another arbitrator for him in m^{r} nortons stede beinge an assistant of the Cũpanye

By me Iohn windet
By me Iohn oswolde

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Monday 9 dec'·

Stationers' Hall in Paul's Ch.-yard The pavem^{t} At a court holden this Day: yt is agreed that m^{r} Wardens at
of the hall/ Christmas next shall pay to the collectors for the pavementꝫ
on 24 Nov. 88 done at the west end of paules against the quenes late co̅inge
see Reg. A 251^{a}, 30^{s}. thither: xl^{s}: so y^{t} the pavem^{t} leadinge from the hall to paules Dore be laid higher & conveniently mendid in the meane space in suche placꝫ as are Defectyve·/

Tuesday 16 Ian'. (*1588/9*)

p'sent The m^{r} & wardens. wth 7 assist^{t}ꝫ

STC 11222 ff., cf. p. 32 booke of At a full court holden this daye beinge the quarterday yt is agreed
m'tyrs that the ꝑten's in Ric' dayes p'uilege shall ꝓportionably according to their ꝑtꝫ beare & pay all y^{e} money y^{t} hath ben expendid in defence of the book of m'tyrs being a book comprised in yt p'uilege· w^{ch}
see Reg. A 251^{b}, £9. 5. money the Thr̃er of the said ꝑten's shall disburse And haue alowance of it in his next accoumpt

cf. Reg. A 250^{b}, £13. 13. 8, cf. p. 89 Cornemoney Yt is agreed [*that*] at this Court That the x^{li} to be furnished this yere for the ꝓvision of Corne for the stoare of the citie wth the other chargꝫ conc'nynge the same to be borne [in] this cũpany shalbe furnished by Assesment vppon the cũpany. Whiche Assessement shalbe Rated at the Discretion of the m^{r} & wardens/

Cooke — yt is agreed that all Dynn's [& feaste] to be dressed in the hall: Shalbe Dressed by the Cooke of this house (who is Reignold foord for this present) Be yt for the Wardmote enquest or Mariage or for any other: Doynge [it] after the rate of xij^{d} for eu'y Messe. and he fyndinge the vesselle and necessaries in suche case Accustomed/ — 1588/9· 31· Eliz cf. p. 2

Cowike — Gyven by the wardens to Edward Cowycke toward his Relief— ij^{s} vj^{d} — cf. p. 1

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Wednesday

26 m'cij

pñt m^{r} harrison· m^{r}· m^{r} Coldok m^{r} denham wardens

m^{r} Bisshop. m^{r} watkins. m^{r} newbery. m^{r} Cook m^{r} howe

m^{r} hughe woodcok — At a full Court of Assistente holden this day m^{r} hughe woodcock salter beinge here present was offered to haue the preferment of A leas [w^{t} favo^{r}] before any other of the house & all other Rowmes w^{ch} m^{res} Iane kevall conveied to this Company: Accordinge to an agrem^{t} sett downe in this Company the· 6· of may 1572: & The said hughe woodcock refused to take any leas thereof And condescendid and agreed that the company should lease the premesses to whoñe they shall think meete to their best cõmodytie: And he is contentid to stand to their courtesie: whether they will consider any thinge of him or not in Respect of the said former agrement sett downe in A° 1572/· — cf. Reg. A 230a; wid. of Steph. K., cf. Reg. A 261b; see pp. 33, 41

Iohn wolf fuel — Also yt is agreed that Iohn wolf from this day forward shall make the ꝑvision yerely of wood and Coales sufficient for the cũpany aswell for dressinge of dynners, as for all other occasions at thassemblies of the m^{r} wardens & assistente At all and eu'y their Repaires at the hall In consideracõn whereof he is to be yerely alowed by the renters in y^{eir} accoumpt iij^{li}. And so he to contynewe this ꝑvision duringe the plesure of the M^{r}. Wardens & assistente. — Co. Beadle, see p. 24; Court 12 May, see p. xix; attendance list, Reg. B 412b

Monday

Sc̃do Die Ivnij 1589 xxxj^{mo} Eliz'/

pñt. the· m^{r} & Wardens — m^{r} watkins m^{r} Bishop. m^{r} newbery — m^{r} Connewey m^{r} Cook. m^{r} howe.

At a full Courte of Assistente houlden this daie, yt is Concluded and agreed: That the nowe maister and wardẽns and eu'y of them shall from tyme to time at the costes and charges of this Societie be [*charged*] discharged and kepte harmeles against Ioñn Wyndett and m^{r} Dc̃or Brighte and all others of and for all suche soñes of moñie and damages as shall or maie be claymed or demaunded of or against the saide nowe m^{r} and wardeñs or anie of them by reason of anie promise or Agreemente made by them or anie of them, before — printer and editor of STC 11229

1589· 31 Eliz STC 11229, cf. p. 30 Fol. 448b Monday

[*the*] anie the Lordes of her maiesties privie Councell or otherwise touchinge anie thinge or matter that was moved in or aboute the late Controversie or striffe touchinge the abridgement of the Booke of Martyrs/

2 Iunij

mr Tottell mr Newbie.

Vppon the complaint made on the behalf of mr Richard Tottell touchinge certen matters Betwene him and Mr Raphe Newbie· yt is thought meete and Reasonable that the same shalbe Referred to the hearing and determinacõn of ffoure of the lyu'y of this cũpanie. Whereof Twoo to be nominated by eche of them the said pties: And also that the said pties shall enter into bond eche to thother to pforme thaward of the said arbitrators so chosen

see p. 12

Sunday

vjto. Iulij./

present mr Watkins mr. } wardens. mr Newberye mr Cawoode mr Norton. mr harrison. thelder. mr Byshop. mr Coldock. mr Conwaye. mr Denham. mr Cooke. mr Howe.

Mr. harryson thelder, mr Byshop. and Rob: Robinson.

At a full Courte of Assistantę houlden this daye yt ys agreed, and mr Harryson thelder and mr Byshop are Content, that Robert Robinson for and to their vse shall fromhenceforth (vnder the Condicõns hereunder exp'ssed) haue thoñelie ympryntinge of the booke called Corderius Dialogues, duringe the contynuance of the lr̃es patentę graunted for the pryntinge thereof/ And the said mr Harrison and mr Byshop to gyve him iijs vjd for everye Reame vpon eu'y ympressyon of Thurtye hundred vpon a fourme of the pyka Romaine letter: Alwaies provyded that the saide Roberte Robinson shall not begyn any ympressyon wthout the consente & appoyntmente of the said mr harryson and mr Byshop. And alsoe that he shall prynte Thurtye hundred at the leaste vpon a fourme of the pyka romaine letter vpon everye ympressyon And alsoe that he shall alwayes hereafter Duringe the Contynuance of the said lr̃es patę prynte the same booke as the Copye of the said mr Harryson and mr Byshop. They payinge the chargę of the pryntinge thereof, and gyvinge him iijs. vjd. as aforesaid for eu'y Reame vpon everye ympressyon of Thurtye hundred of the pyka romayne lettre as aforesaid.

ent. to J. H. & G. B. 17 July 76, cf. STC 5760–2

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mr Watkins mr/
mr newbie } wrdens/
mr Cawood

Monday

.15. Septẽbr'

Edward white Hughe Singleton.

Vpon the hearinge of the matter in controu'sie betwene the said Edward white & hughe Singleton (submytted by the said pties to the determinacõn of the mr, wardens, & Assistentę here present): yt is ordered & agreed as foloweth· viz·

That for a full end of all controu'sies betwene them The said hughe Singleton: shall of the first & next Impression that the said hughe shall hereafter printe of his copie called the pensife mans practise, (either by him self or any other) ffrely gyve vnto the [said] Edward (vppon demaund) · lxxx· ꝑfecte booke of yᵗ impʳssion wᵗʰout havinge or demaundinge any thinge for yᵉ same either for pap or pryntinge or otherwise/ 1589· 31· Rĩe Eliz ent. to S. 6 Aug. 84, STC 18616 (1584), STC 18617 (1589)

Edward whyt *be me heugh syngleton.*

see also ii 632

vltĩo die Septembr' Tuesday

pñt Mʳ watkins Mʳ mʳ newbie mʳ Cawood } wʳdens: mʳ norton mʳ harrison mʳ Bisshop mʳ Coldok mʳ Conneway mʳ Cooke

fforasmuche as the affayres of this Cũpanie are often hindeɼed, by Reason of the Contynuall absence of mʳ Richard Tottell who dwellythe in the furthest ꝑtes of the Realme and of mʳ Garrett dewce & Richard Greene: yt is nowe therfore for the furtherance & moore spedy execucõn of the busynesse of this cũpanye ordered at a full Court holden this day (beinge the quarter daye,) That the said mʳ Tottell mʳ dewce & mʳ Greene, fromhensforthe shall stand dischargẽd & Removed from their adsistantships in this cũpanye And thereof they are discharged & Remoued by this Court. Neu'theles as touchinge the said mʳ Tottell (havinge bene alwayes a lovinge & orderly brother in the cũpany, & nowe absent [not] for any cause savinge his infyrmytie & farre dwelling from the cyty) yt is agreed that alwaies whensoeu' [*yt*] he shall Resort hither, he shall [in] Regard of thoffices he hath borne in the cũpany, Sytt with the [said] Assistantꝫ of the cũpany at their metingꝫ. And his name to be still entred in the booke amongest the said Assistentꝫ And mʳ Dewce and mʳ Greene to be Wrytten in the book amongest the Rest of the lyu'ye· i.e. at Wiston, co. Pembroke i.e. R. G. the elder

Foʟ. 449ᵇ

.29ᵐᵒ. die octʳ· 1589. 31· R Eliz Wednesday

Mʳ Hughe Woodcock Yt is agreed: that mʳ Hughe Woodcock as of the Curtesie of this cũpany: shall haue to the Value of xlˢ in sõme thinge at the discrecõn of the Wardens: In Respect of the form' order sett down touchinge him the 26 of m'che Last past see p. 31

29 octʳ· 1589· 31 Eliz Wednesday

mʳ warden newbie
mʳ Byshop.
mʳ Edw. white

The said Edward white in full Court Required: that the matter in controu'sie Betwene mʳ newbie and mʳ Bishop and him: may be heard and Endyd by this Court: Yt is therfore vppon the hearinge of the said matter in Controu'sie, ordered and agreed by assent of the ꝑties: That the said Edward shall pay vnto them iiijˡⁱ for x booke of D ffulkꝫ answere to the Remish testamᵗ. wᶜʰ the said Edward hath disorderly bought of one of yᵉⁱʳ wʳkemen And shall STC 2888

1589. 31· R Eliz also pay [*x*] x^{s} for a fine to thuse of the poore of the house for his offence. The same sõmes to be p'sently paid
(*in margin*) solut 3 Augusti 1591·

Monday — 2 m'cij (*1589/90*)

Io. Wolf/ Yt is agreed that Iohn Wolf shall pay what is due for all his copies that are sett downe to him & are vnpaid for thentrañce/ amountinge to xxxiij^{s} or thereabouţ·/

Io. Wolfe/ Out of the w^{che}: xiij^{s} iiij^{d} are to be Deducted for his paynes taken aboue his ordinarye servyce

see below (*in margin*) vide. 3. Augusti in prox̃ ãno/ Remitted wholy [*3*] ·2 Augusti 1591/

Court 27 Apr., see p. xix

Saturday — 4to Iulij 1590

present m^{r} watkins m^{r}; m^{r} newb̃ie, m^{r} Cawood, m^{r} Goneld } w^{r}dens; m^{r} Norton, m^{r} Harrison, m^{r} Bisshop; m^{r} Coldok, m^{r} Conneway, m^{r} Denham, m^{r} Cooke

cf. pp. 36, 53 whereas vppon serche lately made by thappointm^{t} of y^{e} w^{r}dens It was found that Roger warde had contrary to thorder of y^{e} cũpany & decrees of y^{e} starre (1) cf. STC 22658 chãber printed the Christian sacrifice beinge forbidden by my lordę grace of (2) cf. STC 4178 Canterbury/ and burtons sermon, and a treatise of a Reformed churche and (3) ? cf. STC 18158 or 19612 had a forme standing Redy to goo to y^{e} presse of the iiijth Leafe of y^{e} grãmar cf. STC 15617–22, in Viij^{o}. And did also kepe & conceale a presse and other printing stuff in and p. 20 a Taylors house neere adioyninge to his own howse and did hyde his letters in see p. 36 a henhouse neere St Sepulchres churche exp'ssely ag^{t} the decrees of the starchãber All the w^{ch} stuffe wth other his printing stuff were brought to the stac' hall according to the said decrees And yt is nowe therfore concluded thall (*sic*) see Reg. A 255^{a}; all his presses and printinge instrum^{tę} shalbe defaced & made vnserviceable cf. 257^{b}, 258^{b} for printing accordinge to the said Decrees.

Fol. 450^{a} m^{r} Bysshop m^{r}; m^{r} newb̃ie, m^{r} Cawood } w^{r}dens

Monday — August' 3 die

see above Io wolf. It is agreed that Iohn wolf shall pay x^{s} in full payment for tharrerage that he owth for his copies and vppon consideracon alowed of by a Court of Assistentę the Residue that he was ordered to pay for his copies 2do m'cij vlt' is Remitted by this Court: And hereto Io wolf assentith it beinge his own Request./ (*entry crossed off*)

cf. Reg. A 259^{a} (*in margin*) Remitted wholy 2· Augusti 1591·

officers Itm̃ yt is agreed that yf any thofficers of this house be at any extraordinary paynes travaile or charge (aboue their ordinary service) either wth prison's or in Labour or otherwise That then the wardens shall

pñtly satisfie them for it by their discrecõns w^th^out differringe yt to the gen'all accoumpt/ 1590 32 Rĩe Eliz.

Linge/ houghton/ Io. Lynge apprentise to peter mansfeild [deceste] is to seeke him A m^r in the cũpanie/ and not to be w^th willm̃ houghton bycause he hathe a p^r^ntise alredy & can kepe no moe by thordoñanc̨e/ P. M. free. 8 Nov. 85 J. L. appr. 15 Jan. 88, trs. to R. Ruswell 6 May 92, free. (pres. by Rebecca M.) 7 Jan. 95 W. H. had appr. T. Browne 12 Jan. 90, cf. pp. 57, 71

Thomas woodcocke and Richard Collins are Chosen to be Assistent̨e in this Companye/

pñt (*at the foregoing Court?*)

m^r^ Bishop m^r^.	m^r^ norton	m^r^ Coldok
m^r^ neuḃie w^r^den	m^r^ harrison	m^r^ Cook
m^r^ Cawood w^r^den	m^r^ watkins	m^r^ howe

7 Augusti Friday

Yt is agreed that Bezas paraphrases vpon the psalmes shalbe printed by the Cũpany that will be p̨ten's in yt: And yf the cũpany will not so doo. Then yt to be assigned to one man And he to pay (*entry crossed off*) cf. STC 2035

(*in margin*) Vacat pñs Concordia quia aliter ordinatũ est in plena Curia/

Quinto Octobr' 1590/ Monday

in plena cur'./ Michaelmas quarter daie/ Yt is agreed that m^r^ Nortoñ and m^r^ Bisshop shall take in theire names absolutelie to themselues and theire heires the purchase of m^r^ Blandes howse· Takinge suche assurance thereof as theire Learned councell shall thincke meete, And cf. Reg. A 259b, 263a, and see p. 36

that the Cumpanie shall haue the purchase from them vppõn paiement made vnto them of all suche Soñes of moñey as they shall disburse by Reason of the same/ Viz̃ Aswell theire principall and wholle soñe that they shall paye for the purchase thereof, As alsoe all suche costes charges and soñes of monney as they shall susteine or paie for provision of moñey or for Assuraunc̨e or otherwise howesoever by reason of the said purchase (Excepte as is hereafter excepted) And yt is agreed that the Companye shall save them harmeles and satisfie them for all Losses and soñes of moñey whiche they shall susteyne or disburse for or by Reason of the premisses, exceptinge all suche Rent̨e and proffitt̨e as they shall in the meane space receave for the premisses, And exceptinge alsoe y^t^ they shall w^th^ the reste of the cõmpanie beare theire shares and porcoñs toward y^e^ purchase and other charges concerninge the purchasinge of y^e^ p^r^misses to the behoofe of the cumpanie·/ Fol. 45ob

Secundo Novembr'. 1590 Monday

M^r^ Harrisoñ thelder M^r^ Ruswell· Vppõn the hearinge of all matters in Controversie betwene M^r^ Iohn Harrison thelder and Roberte Ruswell·/ yt is ordered and agreed, by assent of the said R. R. as above (J. Linge), Reg. B 104b, and p. 46

p̨ties./ That the saide Roberte Ruswell shall paie vnto the saide M^r^. Harrisoñ the soñe of ffortye Shillinge presentlie· And soe all former matters heretofore moved betwene them to cease and ende·/

1590 vij° die Decembr' 1590/ (*Monday*)

33 Eliz mr Bisshop mr/ mr Gonelde mr Cooke
mr Newberye } wardens/ mr harrison mr howe
mr Cawood } mr watkins mr woodcock
mr Coldock

At a courte houlden this daye yt is agreed and ordered, That yf anye sute charge or trouble shall at anye tyme hereafter coñe growe or arise againste the nowe mr and wardens of this Companye for or concerninge the forsakinge
see p. 35 of the purchase of mr Blandę house/ That then the same shalbe borne at the chargę of this house and the said nowe mr and wardens not to be charged therewthe/

Monday primo Die Februarij 1590(/1)

pñt mr & wardens mr harison — mr watkins mr Coldok ⟨m⟩r Cook — mr howe mr woodcok ⟨Ri⟩c' Collins·

cf. Reg. A 1a (1554), 18a (1557), 21a, 29b (1558), lease for 31 yrs.), 105a (1564) see pp. 41, 95

The chamb̄s that mr pount held — Yt is agreed at a full court holden this day: That the Mr & wardens nowe beinge shall haue power and auc-thoritie to lett and sett accordinge to their good Discre-tions [*as*] as they shall think to be most for the ꝑffit of the cõpany: such Chambers and ꝑcells belonginge to the hall as Iohn pount decesed Late held

Fol. 451a Monday primo febr'

Io wolf — Yt is agreed at this court, That a convenient printinghouse beinge prouided for Iohn Wolf out of the hall/ Soñe alowance to ward the charge thereof shalbe yeilded of the coñon charge of this house accordinge to the discretion of the mr wardens & Assistentę for the tyme beinge/

wheat & Rye: to be ꝑvided by the Laste of Aprill 1591· — The ꝑvision of xlij quarters of wheat and xxjtie quarters of Rye, allotted vppon this cũpany this yere by warraunt from the lord mayor, ys Referred to the discrecõn of the mr & wardens, And whatsoeu' they doo therein is ratified by this Court

Wednesday 3 m'cij

pñt. mr Bysshop mr mr newbery mr Cawood } wrdens — mr harrison sen' mr watkins — mr Coldok mr woodcok Ric Collins/

? T. S. appr. 6 Sept. 91, free. 2 Oct. 98 see p. 34 cf. STC 6650 ff. and Reg. B 209b cf. p. 20 ? Th. P. collector 1588, Reg. B 1a

Roger Ward — Whereas yt is manifestly proved by the testimonie of Iohn leighe, and Thomas Streete, that Roger Ward about half a yere past, Did contrary to the decrees of ye Starrechamb̄, erect and conceale a printinge presse wth other printinge furniture in the house of one ofeild a Tann' by the bankside in Southwrk, and therewth printed the sermon of Repen-tance, and the grãmer in 8· contrary to the said decrees, The leaves of wch bookę were fetched wett from the printing house by mr platt & the said leigh fetched

the said sermons so printed from platte house to Roger Warde house. And the said leigh confesseth that Anthony hill and henry Iefferson wrought vpon the grãmer, and that they did ij daies wrk vppon a heape & wrought vppon it about a moneth and wrought about 8 leaves· And the said Streete confessith that they printed about xj or xij leaues of the grãmer and that all the latin pte thereof was fully fynished & that they had a newe vineyat to the first leaf, And whereas the said presse wth about iij formes of lres in Diu'se sorte & iij cases wth other printing stuff were .2. m'cij 1590 found at hãmersmyth by mr warden Cawood mr harrison thelder & mr watkins & by them seised & brought to the stacõners hall by vertue of ye said Decrees. Yt [is] nowe ordered & agreed in full court holden this day in the said hall by force of the said decrees, That the said presse letters Cases & printing stuff shall presently be Defaced & made vnserviceable for printinge according to the Decrees aforesaid/ 1590/1· 33 Eliz A. H. appr. 1565–6 (2 June), cf. Arber ii. 791 H. J. free. 3 Apr. 87, cf. Arber ii. 801

for entry of 12 Apr. see p. 38

3 maij Monday

Ric' Iones Robt Dexter. At a Courte houlden this daye: Vppon the hearinge of the matter in Controuersie betwene Roberte Dexter, and Richarde Iones concerninge the pathwaye to Readinge or the neweste spellinge A.B.C. latelie printed by the said Richarde Iones conteyninge ffyve Sheetes of pap· & conteyninge a moste shorte, easie and profitable waye of teachinge to Spell and Reade, sette forthe by Thomas Iohnson, Yt is ordered by the consente of the said pties as followethe./ ent. 16 Nov. 90

Viz./

That Roberte Dexter shall Enioye the said Copie to his owne vse, and that the saide Richarde Iones shall Release vnto him, all his Righte therein, And alsoe thentrance thereof for Richarde Iones in the hall booke to be crossed out·/ as above, see Reg. B 267b

In consideracõn whereof Roberte Dexter shall paye to the said Richarde xxs before mydsomer nexte And yf the saide Richard will deliuer to the said Roberte the Remainder wche the said Richarde hathe of the said bookes amountinge to CCC or thereaboute Then the saide Roberte shall accepte the same at vjs viijd a Reame for pap and printinge·/

Item that the said Richard Iones shalbe woorkeman to the said Robte dexter for thimprintinge thereof at all tymes hereafter entringe into bond sufficientlie to the said dexter to deale trulie and plainelie wth him [at] all [*that*] tymes in thymprintinge thereof·/

Item that the said Richard Iones shall enioye the printinge of the A.B.C. for children newlie devised wth sillables wth the lordes praier, our belief, and the Tenne comaundemte conteyninge ij sheetes of pap, as yt was printed by the said Richarde Iones Anno 1588. Prouided alwaies that there shalbe noe addicõns made to the same hereafter·/ (*this paragraph crossed off*) ent. 3 May 91

(*in margin*) Cancelled and Crossed out by order of a Court holden 15 maij 1605· 3 Re. Ia. mr man mr mr norton / mr Leake } wrdens/

1591 · Aº. 33 (*before previous entry*) 12 Aprilis (*Monday*)

Rĩe Eliz — mr dasõn/ — Due by mr dason to thuse of the poore vli vs/ for suche Impressions as he is behind for of the Testamte in 8 and ·16· and for

Fol. 452a (not traced) — one Impression nowe in hand of that in, 8/· Whereof he agreeth to pay at Midsom' next iijli vs/ and the Resydue beinge xls, at Michãs next—vli. vs·

fr' Godlif — At a Court holden this day: Vppoñ good causes, ffrauncę Godlif and his surety are discharged of the debt due to the cũpany by

'one Kempe' £7 see Reg. A 260a — the said ffraunce being vijli xs or thereaboute: And yt is agreed that mr warden shall deliu' vnto the said ffr' his bond to be cancelled—

Monday — 28· Iunij

free. this day (pres. by Mrs. Hill, wid. of J. Thomas) — willm Erle mres hill — Willm Erle hathe vndertaken and by his assent yt is ordered: that as concerninge all suche debte as he hathe made of his mistresses goode wthout her Consent, he shall satisfie her for them/

William Earle

Fol. 452b — mr Coldocke mr
mr Conneway
mr Allen wardens

Tuesday — 3 Augusti.

Io · wolf/ — In full Court holden this Day: vpon the peticon of Iohn wolf: There is graunted vnto hym in Augmentacõn of his wage: the

see p. 24 — some of iiijli by the yere moore then his form' wage. So that fromhensforthe he is to haue in the whole: xli yerely: To hold duringe his faythfull and dutifull service to the Companie To be paid and alowed in the Renters accoumpt.

Hoskins · — Yt is thought good that willm̃ hoskins maye accept to be pten's wth

cf. p. 46 — him in printing henry Chettell and Iohn Danter pvidd (*sic*) alwayes that there shalbe not alienacõn or transportinge made by hym to them or either of them or to any other of his Rowm or place of A mayster printer wthout consent of the mr. wardens and Assistente for the tyme beinge

Willm hoskins
henry Chettle
Iohn Danter

Monday — 16 Augusti·

The prymer — In full Court this Day/ Iohn Charlwood Robert Robinson and Iohn wolf by consent of the pten's in mr Seres p'uilege are

cf. STC 16087 ff. — Chozen and appointed to defend the printinge of thold prymer against the

see Reg. A. 258b, 262a — newe printed by Scarlet for mr Tipper The charge of the sute to be borne out

Mr. T., cf. Reg. A 258b, 262a — of the stock belonging to the pten's in this p'uilege/

1585 (p. 16) was not a Ten court.

6 Sept' (*Thursday*) 1591.

Ioñn Charlwood / Iohn Lee / yt is assented in full court holden this day: that Iohn lee app'ntise to Roger Ward, shall serve out the Residue of the terme of his apprentiship w^th^ Iohn Charlwood accordinge to such agrement as in that behalf is made betwen the said Ward & Charlewood· This is done at the Request of Roger ward made by wryting vnder his hand sent to this Court / 33 Rĩe Eliz. J. L. appr. cf. 6 Sept. 96, free. 5 Oct. 96

Fol. 453a Tuesday

12 octobr'

pñt m^r^ Coldok m^r^		m^r^ watkins	m^r^ woodcok
m^r^ Conneway	w^r^dens	m^r^ Byshop	m^r^ Binge — elected Assistant 24 March
m^r^ Allen		m^r^ newbery	m^r^ Ponsonby " " 6 May 15
m^r^ harrison theld'		m^r^ Cawood	m^r^ Edw: white

yt is agreed by the ꝑten's in m^r^ Ric' dayes p^r^uilege. That Ioñn Wolf for them shall assist the said Ric' Day in ꝓsecuting Remedy against Iohn legat the printer of Cambr', for printing the psalmes of David in meeter contrary to y^e^ seid p'uilege And that m^r^ Watkins their Thr̃er shall out of their coñon stock disburse y^e^ charge of the seid sute The w^ch^ shalbe alowed vnto him vpon his accoumpt out of eu'y of the said ꝑten's ꝑtes ratably accordinge to the proporcõn of his ꝑtes, And that the said Io· wolf shall kepe ꝑtic̃ler notes of the tymes of his travaile in this cause and of his expence therein And that the said ꝑten's by thande of their said Thr̃er shall allowe vnto him for his charge, and consideracõn for his paynes and travaile herein accordinge to y^e^ Iudgement of a Court of Assistente / ? in Bowes 3063 see p. 30

6 decẽbr' (*34 Eliz.*) Monday

pñt m^r^ Coldok m^r^	m^r^ watkins	m^r^ Cook
m^r^ Connewey	m^r^ Bysshop	m^r^ howe
m^r^ Allen wardeñs	m^r^ newbery	m^r^ woodcock
m^r^ harrison theld^r^		Ric' Collins

At a Court holden this Day / Vppon the motion and Request of the lord Archbyshop of Canterbury his grace as Appereth by his lr̃es dat 22 novembr' 1591· Yt is agreed and ordered / That vppon the deceas of Thomas purfoote thelder Stac' & printer. Thomas purfoote the younger shalbe admitted to be a printer in the Rowme of his said father And shall from thensforthe vse the Art of printinge as his father did in his Lyfe tyme / cf. Arber iii. 700 (incorrect) i.e. master printer see p. 75

Cambridge / Alsoe at this Courte it was motioned / that for quietnes to be established betwene the Vniu'sitie of Cambridge and theire Printers and this Companie for matters of pryntinge, and for the avoidinge of divers disorders and troubles alredie arisen and hereafter like to arise betwene the said Partyes aboute printinge /

Yt mighte be Lawfull for the saide Vniu'sitye and printers of Cambridge. for the space of one monnethe after the Retorne of everie ffrankford mart, to haue the choise of anie forayne Bookes coñinge from the said marte, The same to Fol. 453b

1591 Anno 34. Eliz' be allowed to the saide Printers of Cambridge and by them to be printed/ So alwayes that euerie suche booke within the said monnethe be orderlye allowed and therevppõn entred in the Cũpanie of Stacioners for the said Printers of Cambridge or soñe of them/ And that the same beinge donne the wardeñs of the said Companie of Stacionars should Restrayne all of theire Companye to Printe the same/ and vse all theire power to that effecte as is vsed in like cases to ffreemẽn in theire owñe Companie/ Which motion is lyked and Agreed vnto by this Courte for [*the*] quietnes and good order to be hadd and Contynued betwene the said ꝑties./

Thursday

13 Ianuarij (*1591/2*)

J. Fryere appr. this day, Reg. B 72b, cf. 53b

At a court holden this day it is agreed that Iohn Iackson shalbe alowed to take an app'nt' who shalbe bound to Ed. Bolyfant for that the said Iohn Iackson is not free of this Companye

Monday

7 febr'

pñt mr harrison senr	mr newbery
mr Cõneway	mr Cawood
mr Allen wardens	mr woodcock
mr watkins	Ric' Collins

cf. STC 22692 see Index

Tho man / wm kerney

Vppon the hearinge of the matter in controu'sie betwene the said ꝑties concernynge twoo sermons of mr H Smythe, thone beinge of Sathans Compassinge of the earth, thother of Paules Watchewoord to the Corinthians Yt is ordered and agreed by assent of the said ꝑties That the said Tho. Man shall Enioye the same as his ꝓp copies, And pay xls to the said wm kerne for his clayme to the same at or before our lady day next

i.e. Kearney

Fol. 454a Monday

6 m'cij

pñt mr Coldok mr.	mr norton	mr newbie
mr Conneway	mr harrison sen'	mr howe
mr Allen	mr watkins	mr woodcock
wardens	mr Bishop	[*mr*] Ric' Collins/

mr Wiłłm nortoñ this day brought into the hall A wrytinge Roled vp cou'ed wth paper bound wth packthred. and sealed vp wth his seale. The wch at his Request is put into the Cõmon chest where the evidence and plate of the hall are kept. beinge locked wth iij seu'all kayes kept by the mr and wardens: And yt is agreed that the said wrytinge shall there Remayne & not be vnsealed nor opened wthout consent of a full Court of Assistentę; The wch [writinge], mr norton sayeth, is his last Will

see p. 47

STC 870 (cf. 869) ent. this day

mr windet / mr Iaxon

Yt is agreed that mr windet shall enioy the book called the assise of bread newly corrected &c whereunto are added sundry ordoñancę for bakers &c': And shall gyve vnto mr Iaxon C bookę of the first Impression thereof: This order was made by assent of both ꝑties· This book is collected by Iohn powell/

3 Aprilis (*Monday*) /1592·/

bookę saised Restored. Whereas diu'se bibles testam^{te} and psalmes were lately saysed and brought to the hall for that they were disorderly printed: yt is thought meete by a Court holden this day: that the pties in whose handę they were seised shall Receaue them againe out of the hall. Deliu'inge their seu'all billę to the Company for their discharge of all informacõns troubles and demaundę, that may be had or moved conc'ning the same· 34 ·Rĩe Eliz·

M^{d}· that Tho Taylor clothw^{r}ker hath Receaued this day: ij testam^{te} in 16. and ij psalmebookę in 16. w^{ch} were seised in thandę of ffr'. Bouvier and claymed by the said Tho to be his/ cf. Arber v. lxxxv

Thomas taylor—

io Ap^{r}lis Monday

pñt. m^{r} Coldok m^{r} m^{r} Cõnewey m^{r} Allen } w^{r}dens. m^{r} watkins m^{r} newbery m^{r} Cawood m^{r} Cook: m^{r} woodcock R Collins

M^{d} that in Open Court holden this Daye, m^{r} pount Refused to hold the vpper Rowmes w^{che} be in his handę of the Companyes at the yerely rent of vj^{li} And therefore promised to deliu' them vp quietly into the Companyes handę before midsom' next ? son of John P. dead in Feb. 91, see p. 36

Fol. 454^{b}

·6· maij. Saturday

present m^{r} Coldok m^{r} m^{r} Conneway m^{r} Allen } w^{r}dens m^{r} harrison thelder m^{r} Watkyns m^{r} Bysshop. m^{r} Cawood m^{r} Cooke m^{r} Woodcock Ric' Collins

Whereas Thomas purfoote the yonger beinge a freeman of this Companye, is a suter for the Clerkship of this Company, whensoeu' the same shall first fall voyd, yt is agreed at a court holden this day. that he shall haue the same office wth the accustomed alowancę thereunto, assoone as the same shall first fall voyd by any meanes after the date hereof being found fytt to serue the place/ (*entry crossed off*)

(*added later*) Crossed out by order vt patet in folio 475 i.e. Reg. B 474^{b}, p. 75

26 Iunij. Monday

pñt. m^{r} Coldok m^{r} m^{r} Connewey m^{r} Allen wardens m^{r} norton m^{r} harrison sen' m^{r} Watkins m^{r} Bysshop. m^{r} Cook· m^{r} Woodcok Ric' Collins

Yt is agreed vppon the hearinge of m^{r} hugh woodcockę demaundę, that he shall Receaue of m^{r} wardens the soñe of iiij^{li} in full satisfaccõns of all matters whatsoeu' had or moved betwen him and the company and especially in discharg of an order sett downe the 29 of oct' 1589 touchinge the paym^{t} of see p. 33

/1592·/ xl^{s} to him/ w^{ch} nowe is vppon further consideracõn [*nowe*] augmented to this
34· Rĩe Eliz. iiij^{li}. w^{ch} was accordingly paid vnto him in this Court
see Reg. A 261b *by me hugh woodcock*

The portership. The office of the portership of this Company is graunted
? J. Oswolde this day in this full Court To hold to him
appr. 1564–5 (25 Mar.) duringe his good behavior in the same wth the accustomed fee thereunto vsually alowed

Fol. 455a M^{r}. Bisshop· M^{r}·
m^{r} Conneway } w^{r}dens·
m^{r}. Stirrop. }

Monday 7 Augusti

pñt. the	M^{r}. & w^{r}dens	m^{r} Coldok	m^{r}. Cooke.
	m^{r} Bishop	m^{r}. newb̃ie	m^{r}. Allen
	m^{r} harrison	m^{r}. Cawood	m^{r}. Howe.
	m^{r}. watkins		m^{r}. woodcock/

see Reg. A 264b (22 July) whereas Abell Ieffes about the (*blank*) day of Iuly last did Resist the serche whiche m^{r} Stirrop warden· Tho dawson and Tho [*Rente*] man renters were appointed to make & would haue made of his printinge house accordinge to thordoñanc̨e & decrees, and for that he contemptuously p̨ceded in printing a book wthout aucthority contrary to our m^{r} his cõmaundem^{t}, and for y^{t} he refused to deliu^{r} the barre of his presse neither would deliu^{r} any of the Book̨e to be brought to the hall accordinge to y^{e} decrees. and also for y^{t} he vsed violence to our officer in the serche· —yt is nowe therfore ordered by a full court holden this day· that for his said offenc̨e he shalbe cõmitted to ward accordinge to the ordõnances and Decree in y^{t} behalf/

STC 24863 Danter whereas Iohn danter is appointed to print. the instruction of a xp̃ian
STC 18960 woman, and ovids metamorphosis english [· *yt*] for the company yt is agreed that vppon the finishinge of these book̨e he shall pay vj^{d} in the h̃i to thuse of the poore· according to order/.

George A. Warden 1591–2 m^{r}· Allen Whereas m^{r} Allen is due to haue xj^{li} iiij^{s} xj^{d} for the surplusage to
cf. Reg. A 262a, £10 hym due vppon the house accoumpt and slip (*?* ship) accoumpt as by the same accoumpt̨e appere in the hall book̨e. Yt is ordered that the company shall satisfie hym the same, out of their cõmon stock, or out of their own purses yf the house Want stock. At or before the begynnyng of the next terme/

Monday 2 oct^{r} 1592.

m^{r} Allen As touchinge the paym^{t} of xj^{li} iiij^{s} xj^{d} due to m^{r} Allen as aboue appereth: yt is agreed in full Court this day beinge the quarter Day: that m^{r} Connewey & m^{r} Styrrop wardens: shall pay x^{li} thereof p̃tly of their own cost̨e and thother j^{li} iiij^{s} xj^{d} of the companies charge In respect of w^{ch} x^{li} paid of their own charge they shalbe Remitted of the twoo quarter dynn^{r}'s w^{ch} should be made at Christm^{as} quarter day and our lady quarter day

next And of thother j^{li} iiij^{s} xj^{d} they shall haue alowañce of the company vppon their accoumpt· 1592· 34· Rĩe Eliz

(*in margin*) The seid soñe xj^{li} iiij^{s} xj^{d} was paid by these wardens v^{to} octobr$^{}$ 1592 as appereth by an acquitance vnder m^{r} Allens hand & seale. see Reg. A 264^{b}

Fol. 455^{b}

2 octobr̃ Monday

pñt. m^{r} Bishop m^{r} m^{r} norton m^{r} Cawood
m^{r} Conneway m^{r} harrison m^{r} Cooke
m^{r} Stirrop wardens m^{r} watkins m^{r} howe
m^{r} Goneld m^{r} Coldok m^{r} woodcock

Tho drap. In full Court holden this day yt is agreed that the wardens shall paye vnto Tho drap: xxv^{s} for his exhibicõn for a quarter at this Michãs 1592. And yt is also agreed that henceforward the yerely exhibicõn of v^{li} heretofore graunted vnto him by the company viz in A^{o} 1580 and 1583 shall clerely surcease for eu$^{}$ and be no longer paid see p. 10, and Reg. A 264^{b}

23 Octobr$^{}$ 1592. 34 Eliz. Monday

pñte m^{r}. Bysshop m^{r}. m^{r} harrison m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Connewaie m^{r}. Coldock m^{r}. howe
m^{r}. Styrrop Wardens Ric$^{}$ Collins

Vppon the hearinge of a matter in controu$^{}$sie betwene Iohn Norton Stac$^{}$ on thone ꝑtie and Thomas Adams and Iohn Oxonbridge [stac$^{}$] on thother ꝑtie touchinge the Right of themprinting and enioyinge of A booke called Szegedini tabule, Yt is ordered and agreed by assent of the seid ꝑties, That they the seid ꝑties shall equally betwene them, that is to say, the said Iohn norton for the one half, and the said Thomas Adams and Iohn Oxonbridge as one ꝑtener for thother half, haue Right and interest to thimprintinge and enioyinge of the said book at all tymes hereafter: And that accordinge to the same proporcõns the seid ꝑties shall beare their ratable partę of all chargę and haue their partę of the seid booke Vppon eu$^{}$y impression thereof from tyme to tyme hereafter STC 15016 (for Wm. Norton, ent. to T. A. & J. O.)

Iohn norton
Iohn Oxenbridge

Fol. 456^{a}

.7· oct (*or Nov.?*) (Tuesday)

pñt. m^{r} Bisshop m^{r} m^{r}. watkins m^{r}. Cawood
m^{r} Connewey m^{r} Coldok m^{r} Cook
m^{r}. Stirrop m^{r} newbery m^{r} woodcok
wardens Ric$^{}$ Collins

Yt is agreed at a court holden this day that m^{res} Crowley late wife of Rob̃t Crowley prechẽr deceased/ in respect of her pou$^{}$tye, shall haue a pencõn of ffoure nobles by the yere towardę her Relief. Viz A noble A quarter· The first paym^{t} to begyn at Christmas next 1592· And entrance thereof to be made in the renters book accordingly free. 27 Sept. 78

1592·
A° 35^to Eliz

4 decẽbr' (*Monday*)

pñt.
m^r Bishop m^r.
m^r Conneway } w^rdens
m^r. Stirrop }
m^r. norton

m^r. harrison
m^r. watkins
m^r Coldok
m^r. newberie

m^r Cooke
m^r Allen
m^r howe
m^r woodcock
Ric' Collins/

(*No minutes entered.*)

Monday

.18· Decembr'

pñt m^r Bishop m^r
m^r Conneway
m^r. Stirrop wardens

m^r harrison
m^r watkins
m^r newbie

m^r Cawood
m^r. woodcok
Ric' Collins

see p. 42 In full court holden this day. Abell Ieffes, accordinge to the direction of the lord archb· of Canterbury his grace appered. and humbly acknoledged his form' offence and vndutyfulnes, Cravinge pdoñ and favo^r for the same. and promysing hereafter to lyve as becoñeth an honest man, and to shew him self obedient and dutifull in the Companye, and to the ordoñaunces thereof/

Abell Ieffes

STC 10711 (T. Orwin) Abell Ieffes / Tho. Orwin

Yt is ordered: that if the book of Dčor ffaustus shall not be found in the [*beh*] hall book entred to Richard Oliff before Abell Ieffes claymed the same w^ch was about May last· That then the seid copie shall Remayne to the said Abell as his prop copie from the tyme of his first clayme w^ch was about May Last as aforeseid/

cf. ent. 5 Apr. 96

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STC 15086, ent. 6 Oct. 92

Edw white· / Abell Ieffes·

Whereas Edward white and Abell Ieffes haue eche of them offendyd· Viž Edw White in havinge printed the spanish tragedie belonging to [*Edw.*] Abell Ieffes/ and Abell Ieffes in having printed the tragedie of arden of kent belonginge to Edw white: yt is agreed that all the bookę of eche ympression shalbe as confiscated and forfayted accordinge to thordonnancę, [*be*] disposed to thuse of the poore of the companye for that eche of them hath seu'ally transgressed the ordoñancę in the seid impressions/

cf. STC 733, ent. 3 Apr. 92

Edw. White· / Abell· Ieffes/

Item yt is agreed that either of them shall pay for a fine for transgressinge the ordõnancę. by ymprintinge the seid bookę contrary to thorders [*shall*] Ten shillinge a pece. presently or betwene this and our Lady day next/

see Reg. B 414^b (*in margin*) solut' x^s· p Edw. whit in may. 1593

And as touchinge their imprisonm^t for the said offence yt is Referred ou' till soñe other convenient tyme at the discrecõn of the m^r· W· & Assistentę

Edward whit
Abell Ieffes

Abell Ieffes — Item Abell hath ꝑmised to pay the vj^{d} in the li to thuse of the poore w^{ch} he owth for Quintus Curtius — 1592·35.Eliz· STC 6146

m^{r} Est. — Item Tho Est hath promised to pay the [*vj^{li}*] vj^{d} in the li to thuse of the poore. w^{ch} he owth for Tullies offices latin & English and for morall philosophie. The same to be payd out of his mõney that may be due for any Woork he shall haue in the companye/ — Herb. 1018 (1590), cf. STC 5286 (1596) STC 1262 cf. p. 21

T orwin· — Yt is ordered that when Tho orwin shall haue fynished thimpression of Iustin in latin: he shall bringe the whole impression into the hall· and then the right of m^{r} norton or any other pretendinge interest to yt to be Discussed· and further order to be taken for the distributinge of the seid booke accordinge to thordõnaunce/ — STC. 24288

Thomas Orwyn

· 5to· febr^{y} (*1592/3*) — Monday

Toby Cook. — Vpon the letters of m^{r} wilbraham, yt is ordered that Toby Cook (and nõne other) shall haue the printinge, of the truthe of the murther of Robert hayton, as yt shalbe found and deliu^{r}ed to the seid Toby by the said m^{r} wilbraham/ And that yf any shall presume to meddle therewth he shalbe staied. — Mr. of Requests (not traced)

Fol. 457^{a}

Quinto die ffebruarij Anno dñi i592 (/3) anno xxxv^{to} R R· Elizabeth· — Monday

present m^{r} Bisshop m^{r} m^{r} Watkins m^{r} Howe
m^{r} Stirrop warden/ m^{r} Coldocke m^{r} woodcock
m^{r} Harrison thelder/ m^{r} Newberye Ric^{r} Collins/
m^{r} Cooke

Edwarde White Iohn legatt·/ — Vppon the hearinge of the matter in controu^{r}sie betwene the said Edward White on thone ꝑtie and the said Iohn legatt on thother ꝑtie, concerninge a booke in Englishe called the Golden Cheane:/ Yt is ordered by their assent, that the said Iohn legatt shall enioye the said booke, to printe as his owne prop copie from tyme to tyme hereafter./ And that the said Edwarde his executers or assignes, or anye from whome he claymethe the said Copie, or anye other by his or their meanes, shall not at anye tyme hereafter entermeddle with the printinge of the said Copie or anye ꝑte thereof./ And that the said Edwarde shall accepte and take of the said Iohn legatt, all suche nũbers of the said bookes, as the said Iohn legatt hath nowe readie printed in his handes, at the rate of iiij^{li} xvj^{s} the hundred./ The wholle soñe they amount to, at that rate to be paid, in forme followinge, that is to saie, one thyrd ꝑte on the Sixt of maye nexte, and one Third part on the Sixte of Auguste nexte./ and the residue to be paid the Sixte of November then nexte·/ And alsoe that the said Iohn legatt his executers or assignes or any other by his or their meanes, shall not at any tyme — STC 19657-60, ent. 27 July 92 (J. Legatt)

1592/3· 35 Eliz hereafter begyn to Reprinte the said booke or anye ꝑte thereof, vntill the said Edwarde his executors or assignes shall haue vttered and soulde, all suche nũbers of the said bookꝭ as the said Edwarde shall by vertue hereof receave of the said Iohn as aforesaid/ (xxv^tie bookes onlye excepte)/

Edward whit
Iohn legate

Monday — 5^to m'cij

J. P. already had E. Mutton, appr. 12 Jan. 90 (but cf. free. 16 Oct. 98)

Io penny — In respect of the necessary occasion of Iohn penny. and vpon his request. yt is ordered that the next Court day. he shalbe alowed to take an apprentise to be emploied onely to byinge & sellinge of ꝑchem^t & paꝑ· and bindinge of paꝑ bookꝭ. and not to be putt to booksellinge printinge or bookbindinge—

cf. p. 38

henr' Chettle
Io. Danter. — The matter in controu'sie betwene them is referred to Tho Dason and Tho orwin They to heare and determine the same yf they can: [*or els to certifie the court*].

and the said ꝑties to enter into bond in v^li a pece to stand to thaward of the seid Comittees/ (*order for bond crossed off*)

henry Chettle. Iohn Danter

(*in margin*) m^nd. it is agreed they shall stand to thaward of these cõmittees * Test' R C/ And the seid ꝑties haue agreed to stand to their order. Test' R C

Io. Danter
Cutb. Burby — And in lyke sort the controu'sie betwene Danter and Cutb. burby is referred to be ended by the seid Tho dason & Tho orwin

Iohn Danter

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Monday — .5 m'cij .

wid. of John K., see Reg. A 265^b, 267^a

Wydowe Kyd/ — Lent by consent of a court holden this day: to wydowe kyd x^s. to be repaid when it shalbe demaunded.

Monday — 23 Aprił

cf. C-B. C 1^a Alice C. m. J. Roberts

W^m Iagger. — Whereas Willm̃ Iagger hath made request to haue the printinge of the billes for players as Iohn Charlwood had· yt is graunted: that if he can gett the said Charlwood his Wydowes consent hereunto or if shee die, or marry out of the company. That then the company will haue consideracõn to prefer him in this sute before another

see p. 35

Tobie Cooke
Robt Roswell — The matter in controu'sie betwene the said ꝑties, ys by their consentꝭ· referred to the hearinge and Determinacõn of m^r. Iohn Harrison thelder and m^r Watkins· And the said ꝑties haue agreed to stand to their order. Memoꝛd that the Controu'sie is about an

STC 746 — Ariosto in Englishe in Coulours/

It is to be noticed that over & over again notes of the settlement of disputes do not contain any mention of the meeting of the Court. See also p. 55 27 Aug. 1596 and minute of 27 March 1604

iij° die Decembris 1593 Annoq; Regni Regine Elizabethe &c^a^ę xxxvj^to^/. (*Monday*) 1593. 36 Eliz Fol. 458a

M^r^ Norton./. M^r^./. M^r^ Harryson M^r^ Watkins
M^r^ Cawood and M^r^ Woodcock } Wardens M^r^ Bysshop M^r^ Styrrop M^r^ Cooke./

Richard Dodd an officer to the lorde Maio^r^ is admytted to haue the office belonginge to this Companye w^ch^ One Lyle late had. And in Consideracõn thereof the said Richard Dodd is to haue for his paynes yearely xiij^s^. iiij^d^./. cf. p. 2 cf. p. 27

xiiij^to^ Die Decembr' 1593/ Friday

pñt m^r^ Cawood m^r^ woodcock } wardens m^r^ harrison senior m^r^ Watkins m^r^ Bisshop m^r^ Newbery m^r^ Allen Ric' Collins/

At this Court the last will and testament of m^r^ William Norton stacion' nowe deceased w^ch^ in his life tyme he lefte in this hall vnder his seale / was nowe opened and read over accordinge to his direction gyven in his life tyme, and therevppon was deliuered to m^r^ Thomas woodcock warden and m^r^ Richard watkins to deliuer to Bonañ Norton Executo^r^ of the said testament see p. 40

The said will conteyneth diu'se sheetes of paper to everie of the w^ch^ m^r^ William Norton hath subscribed his name, and alsoe Raffe Iackson and Wiłłm Yonge haue subscribed their names as [*witnesseth*] witnesses to every leafe

17 Decembr' Monday

pñt m^r^ Cawood m^r^ woodcok } w^r^dens/ m^r^ Goneld m^r^ harrison m^r^ watkins m^r^ Bishop/ m^r^ newbie m^r^ Conneway m^r^ Cook· m^r^ howe· Ric' Collins

m^r^ norton our late m^r^ Beinge deceased This Day was thelection of a newe m^r^ accordinge to thordoñanc̨e of the Company: And thelection fell vppon m^r^ Byshop by most voyc̨e/

4^to^ febr' (*1593/4*) Monday

Yt is ordered that Abell Ieffę shall pay to Rb̄t Reynoldę: xiij^s^ iiij^d^ w^th^in ij moneths next And for securyty thereof shall pawne vnto him by bill of sale: A forme of letters of the longer prymer Romane w^ch^ shalbe w^r^th the moñey And the said Reynoldę vpon the pawne đđ, shall w^th^drawe his Accõn at their equall charg̨e R. R. (not traced)

viz the pawne shalbe vj pag̨e of the pica Romane. Vntill vj pag̨e of the long prymer Romane be ddę

And so all Controu'sies to surcease betwene them/

Abell Ieffes . *Robert Rainolds*

18 m'cij (*Monday*)

pñt mr byshop mr, mr Cawood, mr woodcock } wrdens

mr harrison sen', mr watkins, mr Coldocke

mr Newbery, mr howe, Ric' Collins

At the Request of Iohn wolf and vpon the sute of mr newsam made at a court holden this day: yt is ordered that from our Lady day next, during the pleashe of the Company, the said Mr Newsam to those Rowmes wch he holdeth of the company ou' their lyttle plor, shall occupie those Rowmes ou' their great plor wch Iohn wolf nowe occupieth: Yeildinge yerely [*for*] vjli for the whole: and entringe into bond for the whole to the lyke effect as he standith bound for those Rowmes wch he hath alredy

cf. p. 50

for this entry cf. Introd. p. lxxix

parten's present			
D ✓ Mr. Byshop mr	D ✓ mr Coldok ✓		Godfr' Isak
D ✓ mr Cawood	D ✓ mr newbie ✓		pet'. Short
D ✓ mr woodcock	mr Tho wight		Tho. Iudson
D ✓ mr harrison sen'	D mr ponsonby ✓		Tho. Gosson
D ✓ mr watkins	D mr Ed. whyte		Ro Robynson
	D mr Bynge		Nichas lynge/

Those marked D- with the Wardens Conneway & Allen stranded partners meeting in 1591 f. 39

Mr. Daies pruilege — At this court many of the partenʼs in mr Seres and mr Dayes preuilege beinge present: by voyces of the said parten's A Treaserer, and ffoure stockekeps were elected: as folowth. viz

cf. p. 76 mr Watkins mr Seton and mr Edwrd whyte were in election for the treasorer And by moste voyces, thelection fell vppon mr Watkyns.

Item. mr Newbery, mr Tho. wight, mr ponsonby, mr Ed. whyte, mr Bynge, mr Seton and mr Lynge } were in election for stockekepers. and thelection fell vppon { mr newbery, mr Tho. wight, mr Ponsonby, mr Edwrd white

not mentioned above

Mr. Seres· p'uileg/ — Yt is agreed by the said pten's pñt that the lyke Course for eleccõn of their stockkeps and treasorers shalbe obserued, whiche is according to thentent of their arles of pten'ship

i.e. outside quires — Also yt is agreed, that the Cordinge quieres of the pap to be provyded for the said pten's shalbe sold to the most advantage of the pten's and the moñey thereof cõmyng to goo to the gen'all accoumpt of their parten'ship/

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26 m'tij

pñt mr Bysshop mr, mr Cawood, mr woodcock } wrdens, mr Bisshop

mr watkins, mr Coldocke, mr. newbie

mr Conneway, mr Newbie, mr Styrrop, Ric' Collins

Clerk of the Signet — Mr Charles yetswerit Esqr. here notified vnto the Company: her maiesties

graunt [by lr̃es patentę] vnder the great seale of England bearinge date in this Instant m'che, concernynge the bookę of Coñon Lawe and thabridgemtę of mr Rastell, and mr poulton: Whiche letters patentę were [here] openly publishd and Redd/· And for the Companyes better Remembrance thereof: he promiseth to send them A Copie of the same as shortly as he can

1594· 36. Rr̃e Eliz STC 9320, cf. 9518–22 and 9527–32

R. Collins. Yt is agreed that Richard Collins (who is considered of in Respect of his service and paynes for small consideracõn taken in the Companye) shall pay in convenient tyme iijli for a fyne for not servinge the rentership: And so is here Discharged of servinge that place./ (*entry crossed off*)

(*in margin*) .pd. xls in full discharge hereof. j· Iulij 1598 beinge thelection day

see p. 62

mr. Binge Assistent. Mr Isack Binge at this Court is chosen to be one of the Assistentę of this Companye·

9 Aprił 1594 Tuesday

pñt mr bishop mr, mr Cawood, mr woodcock } wrdens; mr harrison, mr Coldok, mr Watkins; mr Conneway, mr Stirrop, Ric' Collins

Mr. Roƀt Walley and mr Robert Barker, at this Court were chosen by pluralytie of voyces, to be twoo of Thassistentę of this Company. provyded that the said mr Barker shall take no exception hereby but to serue the Rentership when he shalbe chosen to be the Renter of the Company/

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xxviij° die Aprilis/ Sunday

pñte. mr Bisshop. mr Cawood mr Watkins warden; Mr Harrison sen' Mr Coldock Mr Howe· Mr Connewaye.; Mr Stirrop Mr Binge Mr Walley.

At this Courte by the Election of the Wholle Table, Mr Stirrop was chozen vnderwarden, in stede of Mr Woodcock late warden and nowe deceased, to serve out somuche of this yeare as is yett to coñe./

12 maij Sunday

Edw· White· At a court holden this day it is ordered that Edward white shall pay· vs· for a fine for printing a ballad of eatinge of a sheepe wthout Licence contrary to thordõnancę/ The wch he hath promised to deliu' to mr wardeñ (not traced)

(*in margin*) pd vt pꝫ in Compo Custod' see Reg. B 393b

Assistentę Tho Dawson/ Tho· Man· At this Court by pluralyty of voices, Tho. Dawson, and Thomas Mañ, are chozen to be of the assistentę of this Companye./

1594· 15 Iulij (*Monday*)
36 Eliz Mr. watkins mr.
Fol. 459a mr. Cawood } wrdens
mr. Binge }

Monday 4 novembr'

Mr newsam· At a Court holden [the same day] yt is agreed by the Wardens and Assistentę. that. Iohn newsam barbour surgeon shall haue
see p. 48 & hold from michas last for one yere and so from yere to yere at will of the
cf. p. 89 said mr, & wardens for the tyme beinge, One Lyttle Rowme in the Celler of the
cf. pp. 94, 87 house late of Iohn Pount & nowe in the occupacõn of the said Iohn Newsam, adioynynge next to the stayre foote of the Stationers hall conteyninge in bredyth iij foote and viij ynches, and in lenght iij foote and viij ynches, to pay for the same an yerely rent of xviijd at michas yerely, as the said Iohn pount
(now lost) paid for the same, as appereth in the hall book ·5· nov· 1571·

Signũ OO dči Ioiis Newsam

Monday iijo die ffebruarij/ (*1594/5*)

pñte· Mr Watkins Mr. Mr Bisshop Mr Cooke
Mr Cawood } wrdens. Mr harrison Mr howe
Mr Binge } Mr Coldock Mr Walley
Mr Newberie

bks. i–iv ent. to Allde 15 Jan. 89, bks. ii–xii ent. to Islip 16 Oct. 94; bk. ii STC 542 (C. Burby), bk. i cf. STC 541 (1590?), bks. iii–iv not till 1618
At a full Court houlden this daie vppon the hearinge of the Controuersie betwene Adam Islipp and Edward Aldee concerninge the firste foure Bookę of Amides De Gaule/ yt is ordered by this Courte that the said Adam Islip shall printe the Second ꝑte of Amides de Gaule/ And likewise that the said Edward Aldee shall print the first, third, and fourthe Bookę of Amides de Gaule, And the said Adam to print all the rest to the Twelfithe parte or Booke/

Adam Islipp./
Ed· Allde.

Wednesday xxvjto marcij 1595/

present mr watkins mr mr Bisshop mr Stirrop
mr Cawood } wardens mr Coldock mr dawson
mr Bynge } mr Newberye mr walley
mr Harrison mr Cooke mr man

There was in election for Renter./ mr Robert Barker, Edward white, and Gregorie Seaton, and the election fell vppon mr Barker by most voyces/·

yt is agreed at this courte that yf mr Barker at the nexte courte shall not satisfie the companie with a fyne to their contentement, for not executinge the place of Rentership that then he shalbe fyned at the discretion of the table for that yt is signified to the Court by mr Bisshop and mr Newberye, that by reason of his place he cannot in ꝑson conveniently serue that place himself

Fol. 459b Afterwardę likewise by most voycę mr Bonham Norton was elected Renter, whoe was there present and hath taken the charge vppon him/

(*Monday*) 7 Aprił· at a court holden at Stac' hall. 1595·
Parten's in the book of mart^rs. 37 Eliz

D	m^r. harrison	C	D m^r. Coldocke.	C	
D	m^r. Bisshop	C	m^r. Norton	C	? John N.
D	m^r. watkins	CC	D m^r Ponsonby	C	
	m^r. wight	CC	m^r. Dewce	C	
D	m^r. newbery	C	D m^r. woodcock	C	

Peter Short Yt is agreed that peter Short shall finishe the Impression of the book of m'tyrs from the place where m^r Denham left / And to Deliu' them all to the seid ꝑten's. ffor the Whiche he is to haue after the rate of xvij^s vj^d for a booke. In ꝑte of payment whereof eu'ry of the seid ꝑten's shall paie weekely, after the rate of Ten shillinge a pece to eu'y presse that shalbe emploied therein The seid rate of xvij^s vj^d a booke is for paper and printinge. The seid ꝑten's as ꝑte thereof are to disburse the moñey quarterlye that shalbe due for the paper· Item the seid peter to make ꝑfect all their nũbers of booke abouseid. And vppon the finishinge of the booke and receipt of their ꝑtes, they are to cleere w^th him for the rest that then shall Remaine vnpaid of their seu'all ꝑtes of the rates aforeseid· Item for the Remayno^r that he shall print aboue the xij^C abouseid Whiche ou'plus shall not excede CL booke moore. The said peter is to beare the charge thereof him self. And to Deliu' the same ou'plus in stock w^th the rest of the Impression into the hall to the vse of the seid ꝑteners and him self. Item the paper shalbe Rated at vij^s the realm

Peter short

STC 11226 (1596)
cf. p. 55

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Saturday

xxviij^o Die Iunij 1595 / Anno 37 R· Elizabethe

The Butler Yt is agreed that Price the Butler from this daye forward, shall haue for servinge that place xiij^s iiij^d a yeere to be Receaved at the Wardens hande out of their accoumpte at the Companies charge the firste quarters paiement / viz iij^s iiij^d, to begynne at michaelmas nexte and soe from thensforthe to be contynued / over and besides the ordinarie allowance w^ch the Renter for his dynner, and the wardens of their charge for the Three quarter dynners haue vsed to paie vnto him /

cf. p. 2

Item the Companie hath [thought] good to Remytt him of his quarterage soe longe as he shall Remayne in the said office /

A. wise Andrewe Wyse is fyned in full courte holden this daie at ffortye shillinge to be presentlie paide, for comittinge twoo seuerall offences in pritinge (*sic*) m^r Playforde sermon twyce without aucthoritie, contrarie to the decrees of the highe courte of starre chamber / and the ordinaunce of this companie—xl^s

i.e. T. Playfere STC 20014, ent. 30 Apr. 96
cf. p. 57

Nevertheles Respite is gyven vnto him at his request for the paiement thereof till michaellmas next, at w^ch daie he promiseth to paie the same /

(*in margin*) pd . v^s. in full payment. vt p̃ 18 Aprił 1597

1595 Vltimo Iunij (*Monday*)

37· Eliz Mr Cawood and mr Binge Wardens for the Last yere are to yeild their accoumpt,
i.e. 4 Aug. the first monday in August next.

Mr Coldocke. Mr Binge, and Mr Dawson are chosen wardens for the yere ensuinge

Court 1 Sept. see pp. xix, xx

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Saturday Die Sabbi 27mo Septembr' 1595

present Mr Coldock. Mr } Wardens mr harrison senior mr bysshop
Mr Binge mr Watkins mr man
Mr. Dawson Ric' Collins/

see Reg. A 273b Whereas certen fourmes of letters and other printinge stuffe of Valentyne Symmes were latelie seised and broughte to the Hall for that he employed
cf. STC 15617–22, and Reg. A 275a them in printinge the Accidences contrarye to the p'viledge of mr fflower and the decrees of the Court of Starre Chamber, Yt is nowe therefore ordered, That the said letters shalbe molten accordinge to the said decree and soe with the reste of the said printinge stuffe Redeliuered vnto the said Valentyne/

Wednesday 29 Octobr'

Tho. purfoot sen' Edw. Aldee Vppon complaint made by the seid T· purfoot of the seid Edwrd Aldee for printinge of breues apteyninge to the seid Thomas. Yt is ordered by assent of the seid ptie̅s as folowth viz̃

That from tyme to tyme hereafter whensoeuer any breve or breves of letters patentę shalbe offred to the seid Edwrd to be printed whiche shall appteine to the seid Tho to print by force of any entrance made or to be made in this Companie, The seid Edwrd shall refuse and forbeare to deale wth the printinge thereof And shall signifie to the ptie̅s travaylinge therein that the Imprintinge thereof appteyneth to the seid Tho.

Itm̃ that for all other brieues as for starch or otherwise whiche shall not appteine to the seid Tho. The said Edwrd shall not print any of the same vnles yt be first entred and alowed vnto him in this Company

see p. 53 Breves to be entered Item that the seid Thomas purfoot shall monethly hereafter enter in this Company by alowance of the wardens all suche breues of Letters patentę as he shall prynt from moneth to moneth hereafter/ And shall pay the ordinary duties for thentrance thereof.

? Alice wid. of James B. Bankę· Tho Scarlett Vpon the hearinge of the controu'sie betwene the said ptie̅s, yt is ordered by their assentę. that for the cleringe and Endinge of all matters betwixt them, he shall pay to her vs. Viz̃ ijs vjd.
i.e. 4, 11 Nov. on Satterday next and other ijs vjd on Satterday after that next folowing./

see Reg. A 273b (to the bellringers) i.e 29 Oct. formes ijs vjd paid by the Wardens to paules Daughter. for formes at paules. on my ·l· maiors Oatheday ijs vjd

primo decẽbr' (*Monday*) 1595·

Tho P^rfoot Sen' — Where yt was ordered 29 octobr' vlt' that Thomas purfoot should Enter his brieues monethly and pay thusuall duties for thentrance thereof. Yt is nowe at his Request and by his Consent ordered and agreed, that he shall in full payment for all the said entrances pay xij^d eu'y quarter of a yere to thuse of this house from tyme to tyme/ 38 Eliz Fol. 461^a see p. 52

Court 3 Dec. see pp. xix, xx

9· [*Ian*] ffebr' (*1595/6*) Monday

m^r Conneway reporteth that the promise for the charge about the wall at Somers kaye. was vppon condicõn that the Company should alowe the same yf yt were their dewe to alowe·

pñte · m^r Bishop in the maysters place		m^r harrison sen'	m^r Conneway
m^r Binge	wardens	m^r watkins	m^r Cawood
m^r dason		m^r newbery	m^r mãn/

In full Court holden this day yt is ordered as folow^th· viz· fforasmuche as Roger Ward hathe of Late erected twoo presses in seu'all obscure place, for printinge contrary to the decrees of the starchamber, and hath emploied the same w^th other printinge stuffe in pryntinge the prymers and other thinge contrary to her maiesties priuilege and the said decrees, and did also sett a forme at the temple of part of a booke not alowed, and hath also otherwise offended w^th the said stuff· Yt is therfore ordered by vertue of the said decrees, that accordinge to the same the said presses w^th the rest of the said printinge stuf shalbe defaced and made vnserviceable for printinge And the stuff thereof so defaced to be redeliu'ed to the said Roger. see p. 34 cf. STC 16087 ff. see Reg. A 274^a see Reg. A 275^a

primo Marcij Monday

pñt m^r Bishop in the maisters place·		m^r watkins	m^r. Cooke
m^r Binge	w^rdens	m^r. newbery	m^r. howe
m^r. Dawson		m^r. Cawood	Ric' Collins/

Valentine Syms — At the motion of M^r Sled who maried y^e Wydowe of ·H· Byñeman deceased, yt is ordered y^t Valentine Syms who was servant to y^e seid ·H· Byñeman shall haue entred for his copies, all suche copies as did appteine to the seid .H. Byñeman w^che are not alredy otherwise entred and Disposed And y^t y^e seid Vał Syms shall haue the printinge of all suche of them as are alredy disposed, for the behoof of suche psons as they belonge vnto. And y^t from tyme to tyme as any of them by death or otherwise shall fall to be newly Disposed, the said valentine shall haue y^e same entred for his copies. prouided y^t for so many of y^em as are alredy gr^aunted to any meere printer exercisinge printinge, the said vał shall not clayme the printinge thereof from any suche printer died 1583 ent. this day

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Astley/ — Mᵈ. that this day Hugh Astley paid vˢ to thandę of yᵉ wʳdens, this day for all his arrerage of quarterage, And promiseth henceforth to paie his quarterag⟨e⟩ duly and quarterly as yt shalbe due·

Ieffę· ijˢ gyven — Abell Ieffę to haue ijˢ gyven him, Who here this day made peticõn for Relief beinge in prison/

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Friday — 26 mᶜij

12 ships
2 pyñases
1200 men

By aucthoritie of a full Court holden this Day: Yt is ordered and agreed that for the furnishinge of xlˡⁱ to be lent for the service of her maᵗⁱᵉ toward provision of Ships, vpon the Lord maioʳs precept date 24 istiᵍ mᶜij. directed to this Company/ The wardens shall take [*vp* (*interlined and deleted*)] vpp (*altered from* vpon) (vpon their bondę) xlˡⁱ for a yere (for wᶜʰ tyme the said sõme is to be lent vpon security of the cities bond) And that they shall alowe after x ꝑ Cent for the same vpon the Companies accoumpt. And shall haue securitie vnder the Companies seale for their alowance of the said xlˡⁱ & interest thereof.

cf. p. 73

Monday — 19 Aprilis.

Andrᵉ Manssell

STC 17669

Whereas Andrᵉ Manssell hath taken paines in Collectinge and printinge A Catalogue of bookę whiche he hath dedicated to the Companye havinge also ben a peticionʳ to them for some consideracõn towardę his paines and chargę Be yt Remembred that thereuppon the Companye of their mere benevolence haue bestowed vppon hym in money & bookę the sõme of (*blank*) for whiche he yeildith thankę holdinge hym self fully contented wᵗʰout expectation of any further matter or benefit for the same or any like thinge of or in the company or any ꝑticular ꝑties of the same. The ꝑticulars of whiche money & bookes appere in a Booke thereof made conteyning the names of the ꝑticular ꝑsons that contributed the same.

Monday — 17 maij

(i) STC 19948 (1594, not ent.)
(ii) STC 19949 (R. Field, 1595, ent. to J. Norton)
(iii) STC 19952 (R. Field, 1596, ent. to B. Norton)

Bookes from beyond yᵉ seas

Whereas mʳ Iohn norton hath before this printed Piscator vpon· Mathew· Item vpon Marke· and nowe is in hand wᵗʰ yᵉ same Aucthor vpon Luke· At a court holden this day it is ordered for remedy of suche preventions as he hath vsed therein. That it shall not be Laufull for him or any other hereafter to pʳvent others of any copie cõminge from beyond yᵉ Seas But that the same shalbe in cõmon to suche of yᵉ company as will haue ꝑtes therein· Item that he shall enioye this Impʳssion of the said Aucthor vpon Luke as he hath enioied yᵉ first Impʳssions of the said aucthor vpon Mathue & [*Luke*] marke payinge for this vpon Luke vjᵈ in yᵉ ħi to thuse of the poore of the company Item yᵗ hereafter he shall not Reprint any of yᵉ same copies wᵗʰout makinge yᵉ Mʳ & Wardens of the company privy there unto and acceptinge suche of the companies (as will) to haue ꝑtes therein for paꝑ & printynge.

(*in margin*) 26· Iunij 1596. yt is agreed that mʳ Bonham norton & Iohn

norton shall enioy these iij copies of Piscator privately to them selues. w^th^out payinge any thinge to the poore/ 1596· 38 Eliz

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m^r Laurence Rafe blower — yt is ordered by assent of the said ꝑties that m^r Laurence his sõn shall dep̄te from the Apprentiship of Raffe blore· and serue elswhere out of this company And that the said Rafe shall at or before the Last day of the nexte terme pay to m^r Laurence xv^s in discharge of xxx^s w^ch he had w^th the said Appr'. The w^ch the said Rafe ꝑmiseth to ꝑforme· And m^r Laur' at the receipt of the said xv^s to gyve the said Rafe a gen'all quitance w^ch he agreeth to doo And the said Appr' to haue his appell away w^th him — T. L. of Lambeth John L. appr. 3 Nov. 95

Valentine Syms· Banes· Robertę· — Whereas the said Syms and Banes haue putt ou' their twoo apprentises to Iames Robertę. yt is ordered that they the said Syms and Banes shall haue no moo Apprentises alowed vnto them vntill these Apprentises w^ch they haue sett ou' to the said Iames Robertę haue serued out their Apprentiships — V. S. had J. Bodley, appr. 30 Sept. 94, free. 3 May 02 (but cf. appr. 6 Dec. 96, 17 Jan. 99); Rob. Baines or Bales (cf. p. 83) had P. Rosewell, appr. 2 Dec. 94, trs. 18 Apr. 97, free. 7 June 03 (cf. appr. 4 Feb. 05)

21 Iunij (*Monday*)

Liber martyꝝ — The controu'sie for the booke of martirs is referred to the determinacõn of [m^r harrison] m^r Watkins. m^r Newbery. m^r wight and m^r Norton, They to cast vp thaccoumpt and determyne of it· — see p. 51 ? John N.

27° die Augusti./ 1596 Annoq; RR Eliz'. 38°·/ Friday

p^rsent at a meetinge./ m^r Harrison m^r/. m^r Stirrop, m^r Dawson } Wardens/. m^r Bisshop. m^r Watkins./

Iames Roberts — Iames Robertę is fyned at this metinge, at vj^s. viij^d. to be p^rsently paid for cõmittinge Twoo seu^rall offences in printinge a booke called newe tydinge contrary to the honorable decrees of the starre chamber, and the laudable Ordinances of this Companye w^ch he is to paye./ *Iames Robertę* (*in margin*) Paid .11· Ap'lis 1597 — see Reg. B 395b (not traced)

Willm Blackwall./ — William Blackwall is alsoe fyned for puttinge the same booke to be printed, at ij^s vj^d, w^ch he presently paid./ — see Reg. B 395b

Tho: Millington·/· — Thomas Myllington is likewise fyned at ij^s. vj^d for printinge of a ballad contrarye to order w^ch he alsoe p^rsently paid./. — see Reg. B 395b Herb. 1379 quotes this entry without the addition

[*Md the ballad intuled The taming of a shrewe Also one oth⟨er⟩ Ballad of Macdobeth.* (*deleted and probably modern: some of the readings are doubtful*)]

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8 Iulij Thursday

M^r. Harrison M^r M^r Stirrop, M^r Dawson } W^rdens/ — vide pagina ante — i.e. should come after 21 June

1596· 38· Eliz· W. S. appr. to W. C. 4 Oct. 87, free. this day

5 octobr' (*Tuesday*)

mr Cooke wiłłm Spynke — Vppon the hearinge of a controu'sie yt is ordered that the said William Spynke shall pay to mr Cooke xls. viz xxs presently wch is paid, and xxs before the last day of the next terme.

And that mr Cooke shall make him a letter of Attorney to recou' to thuse of the said Spynke xixs wche the said Spynke Credited to one/

(*in margin, bracketed with preceding*) extra this last point

The said wiłłm agreeth to pay the last xxs accordinge to this order

William Spinke

Monday

6 decẽbr' (*39 Eliz.*)

cf. STC 4848 see Reg. A 275a

R Robiñson. — Rẹd of hym̃ ijli in ꝑte of paymt of ijli ixs due for Catoes as appereth in the footẹ of the wardens accoumpt of the Last yere ijli

Monday

xiiijto die Marcij 1596(/7)· Anno 39 Rĩe Elizabeth.

present mr Harrison mr, mr Styrrop, mr dawson } wardens·

mr watkyns, mr newberye, mr Bynge, mr Cooke, mr Howe, mr Man, Ric'. Collins/

fforasmuche as Edward Venge and his complices Erected and vsed a printinge presse by Bisshopps hall in the countye of mid̃d̃. And withe the same prynted. cf. STC 16093 ff. prymers. Catechismes, and Almanackẹ contrarye to her maiesties prohibicõn and the decrees of the starre chamber. whiche presse with certen pica and Romayne, Englishe, and other letters, and certen printed leaves of the pryñers to the quantitie of 4 or 5 Reames, were found there and seised and brought to Stacioners hall accordinge to the said decrees, on the viijth daie of this instant march 1596· Ytt is therefore ordered att a full Court holden this 14 of marche 1596. Thatt accordinge to the said decrees the said presse and lr̃es. shalbe sawed in peecẹ melted and defaced and made vnserviceable for pryntinge/

Fol. 463a Sunday

xo die Aprilis 1597 anno 39 R. Elizabethe

present mr Harrison mr, mr Stirrop, mr dawson } wardens

mr Bysshop, mr Coldocke, mr newberye, mr Cawood, mr Bynge, mr Cooke, mr Man·/

Whereas there were latelie in lent last found in the house of Iohn Danter Twoo printinge presses and certen letters pica, and pica Roman, and other sortẹ of letters in fourmes and cases, wch were employed in printinge of a booke called cf. STC 14567 Iesus psalter, and other thingẹ without aucthoritie, which presses and letters were by vertue of the decrees of the starre Chamber seised and brought to the Stacioners hall wth certen leaves of the said booke/ Yt is nowe, accordinge to the said decrees ordered in full Court holden this daye, that the said presses and lr̃es shalbe defaced and made vnserviceable for pryntinge, as the said decrees in suche cases appointe.

Edward Aldee/ Whereas alsoe latelie a peece of a presse and a fourme of letters were found in the house of Edward Aldee, employed in printinge a booke, beinge a popishe Confession, Called a brief fourme of Confession, disorderlie w^th^out aucthoritie lycence [*or*] [and] entraunce which peece of presse and lr̃es wee alsoe by vertue of the said decrees seised and brought to the Stacioners hall/ Yt is nowe accordinge to the said decrees ordered in full court holden this daie, that the said peece of presse, w^th^ the said letters shalbe defaced and made vnserviceable for printinge, as the saide decrees in suche cases appoint/ w^th^ this stuffe there were certen leaves of the said booke brought to the Stacioners hall, the quantitie of about iiij^or^ or v: Realmes

1597 anno 39 R. Elizabethe cf. STC 11181

xviij° Aprilis 1597 Monday

present m^r^ Harrison m^r^ m^r^ Bysshop m^r^ Cawood
m^r^ Styrrop } wardens/ m^r^ watkyns m^r^ Bynge
m^r^ dawson } wardens/ m^r^ Coldocke m^r^ man/

Whereas Andrewe Wyse was heretofore fyned at xl^s^, for the pryntinge of m^r^ Playforde sermon, the m^r^, wardens and assistente heere assembled. are Content to take for the same fyne onlye v^s^ w^ch^ hee hath paide v^s^·/ see p. 51 see Reg. B 396^a^

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18° Aprilis Monday

Thom^a^s Ensor
William Houghton/
Richard mabell
Iohn Oswalde./
} These ffowre haue yeilded their free consente for the Admission of Manasses Bloome as a brother in thart of bookebyndinge, and are content that hee should haue his freedome/ W. H. see pp. 35, 71 free. 14 Jan. 77 M. B. free. this day, cf. Reg. B 83^b^

2 maij Monday

pñt' m^r^ harison m^r^ m^r^ Bishop m^r^ howe
m^r^ Stirrop } w^r^dens m^r^ watkins m^r^ man
m^r^ dawson } w^r^dens m^r^ Coldok Ric' Collins
m^r^ Cawood

where xx^li^ were bequethed to the company to be lent out from ij yeres to ij yeres by v^li^ a pece to iiij yongemen of the Companye as by his will appereth. Thelection for the first xx^li^ was made at a Court holden this day/ And T. Stuckey's bequest, see pp. 72, 84

Iohn hodgette	1	Chr̃ofer heckford	7	(7) free. 31 Mar. 84
Tobie Cooke	2	Ric' Tommes	8	
W^m^ Reade	3	Paule lynlay	9	(3) free. 27 June 80
Io. Price	4	Tho lymbery	10	(10) see p. 1
Richard mable	5	Tho Crede	11	(5) see above
Tho dawson Iun'	6	w^m^ Pynke	12	(12) (not traced)

Being suters and in nomination for the preferment of the Occupyns (*sic*) of the seid xx^li^/ Thelection by most voyces fell vppon (4) ? J. ap Price appr. 1564–5 (24 June)

1 Tobye Cooke 3 Ric' Tommes
2 willm̃ Reade 4 Tho Crede

These iiij to putt in goode suretyes 2 a pece sufficient men not beinge of the

1597 Anno· 39 Elizabeth Company for v^{li} a pece accordinge to the said Testato^{rs} will· And yf any suerty die Then a newe suerty to be supplied in his steede/

Friday — 6 maij

Assistentes — M^{r} Ponsonbye and m^{r} Bonham norton are chosen to be of the Assistent̨ of this Companye

Monday — 6 Iunij

attendance list in Reg. B 396^{a} cf. STC 15611 ff.

Warehouse/ — Concerninge the grauntinge of a warehouse in the hall late in thoccupacõn of the p̨teners of the grãmar· m^{r} Warden dawson. and M^{r} Bonham norton Were in election for yt And thelection by most voyces fell vppon Mr norton· But he must gyve asmuche for yt as any other will/ [there is iij^{li} offered yeerely for yt from this daye forward viz xxiiij^{o} Iunij 1597 (*added*)]

Fol. 464^{a} Saturday — 25to Iunj q^{r}ter day

Edmond bolifant Dodoneus Herball — STC 6986

yt is concluded that Edmond Bolifant in lieu of vj^{d} in the ti to thuse of the poore for Dodone^{9} Herball shall pay to the seid vse [x^{s}] [xiij^{s} iiij^{d}]
(*in margin*) xiij^{s} iiij^{d} solut'

M^{r}. Cawood m^{r}·
M^{r}. Stirrop } w^{r}deñs
M^{r}. man }

Monday — 1· Augusti/ 1597· 39 Rĩe/

E. J. (not traced) ? W. W. free. 1 Mar. 13 (Arber iii. 684) dealer in Popish books 1624

yt is ordered this day that the counterfeit table for a printinge presse taken in the white freres vppon the apprehendinge of Edw^{r}d Iarret & p^{r}tendid to appteine to him but synce found to be w^{m} wrenches shalbe destroied & made vnserviceable for printinge accordinge to the decrees of the starchamber for offendinge ag^{t} those decrees in printinge papisticall book̨

cf. Arber ii. 224

Sympson found^{r} — here at this court beinge thaccoumpt day it is [ordered &] agreed by Beniamyn Sympson founder [his assent] that he shall enter into bond in xl^{li} to this company not to cast any fount or other quantitie of letters or charecters and deliu' them away wthout first adu'tysinge the m^{r} & wardens thereof in wrytinge and the names of the p̨ties that shall haue them, before he delyu' them out of his hand̨./

Thursday — 19 Ianuarij 1597(/*8*)· 40 Rĩe

pñt· m^{r} Cawood, m^{r} Stirrop, m^{r} man, m^{r} harrison } w^{r}dens
m^{r} watkins, m^{r} Bisshop, m^{r} newbery
m^{r} Binge, m^{r} Dawson, m^{r} Ponsonby, Ric' Collins

Ag^{t}. thexcessiue prices of book̨ — fforasmuche as diu'se abuses haue bẽn of late coñitted by sundry p̨sons in enhaunsinge the prices of book̨ and sellinge the same at too highe and excessiue rat̨ and prices: ffor Remedy thereof yt is this day ordered as folowth viz̃

That all book̨ beinge newe copies w^{che} hereafter shalbe printed wthout

pictures, in the pica. the Romane, the Italica, the Englishe letter & the Romane & Italica to the same and the breviere and longe prymers letters shall not be sold aboue these rate folowinge viz 1597/8· 40 Rie

Those of the pica, Romane· Italica, the Inglishe. and the Romane & Italica to the same, to be sold, not aboue a penny for twoo sheete

Those of the brevier and the longe prymer letters not to be sold for aboue a penny for one sheete & a half

Item yt is ordered that if any pson or psons shall refuse to stand to or pforme this order. that in eu'y suche case the ptie or pties offending therein, shall ipo facto lose & forfayt all his & their Right & interest in the booke & bookes wherein he shall so offende And thereuppon the same booke & bookes shalbe newly printed & disposed according to the discretion of the m^r wardens & Assistentes or the moore pte of them·

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19 Ianuarij — Thursday

pntib3. Vt Vlt' infra / — ? error for 'supra'

Against printinge for forens to the Company

fforasmuche as diu'se abuses, of late tyme haue bē Comitted, by sundry psons of this Companye in procuringe of Copies and Bookes to be entred and alowed vnto them and then pryntinge the same for suche psons as be not of this Companye ffor Remedie thereof, yt is ordered that if any pson or psons of this Company shall hereafter print or cause to be printed any copie or booke w^che shall not be prop to hym self and whereof he shall not reape the whole Benefit to [*him self*] his own vse by sellinge it in the Companye but shall suffer any other pson or psons that shall not be of this companye to haue the benefit of the sale or disposition thereof. Then in eu'y suche case all and euery suche bookes and copies shall and may be disposed & printed againe accordinge to the discretion of the m^r. wardens, and Assistentes of this Companye for the tyme beinge or the moore pte of them And the ptie or pties offendinge herein shall ipo facto Lose & forfait all his and their Right & interest in all & eu'y suche booke & bookes.

see Arber ii 8

publique Reading

Also yt is ordered that these ordonancs against excessiue pryces of bookes and against printinge for forens to this Company shalbe wrytten in the Redd booke and publiquely Redd to this company w^th thother ordonaucs on the vsuall quarter Dayes/ cf. Arber i. 556

23 Ianuarij — Monday

Wardmote enquest — Rec^d. of the Wardmote enquest for letting the hall—xx^s

27 Ianuarij 159(7/)8· 40 Rie — Friday

In full Court holden this day

Tobie Cooke Bedell

Toby Cooke (vppon free resignacō [by Iohn wolf] of his [*Bed*] office of bedleship of this Company) is elected by most voices to be bedle of this Companye, vppon his good behavyo^r, duringe the good Lykinge & pleasure of the Companye And yt is graunted that cf. p. 24

1597/8 40 Rĩe — he shall for his diligent and goode and faythfull service [haue] x^li by the yere as Iohn Wolf had for his Wages

see p. 38 — Suters ag^t the offendo^rs of the Decree of the Star chamber. — Vppon a motion made at this Court by the ꝑties p'uileged for the gramers and accidencꝫ yt is Concluded that the Company shall Ioyne in chargꝫ of sute w^th them in any sute against Willm Barley and Symon Stafford for the strengethninge and Execucõn of [the] Decrees of the Starre chamber for their offencꝫ comitted against the said Decrees./

cf. STC 15611 ff. cf. pp. 64, 68

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Monday — Lunæ x^mo die Aprilis 1598 Anno xl^mo Rie Eliz': —

free. 13 Apr. 79, liv. 3 July 91 — Peirce Hewes Renter — Peirce Hewes is Chosen vnder Renter for the yeare ensuinge, and beinge present hathe accepted thereof,

liv. 3 July 91 — Iames Askewe — The same daye Iames Askew vtterly refused to take the Rentershippe vppon him, and for his Refusall he is to knowe the Companyes pleasure vppon this daye fortnight at w^ch tyme he hathe promised to be heere present·

see below and pp. 61, 65

see p. 1 — Tho: Lynburye — Thomas Lynburye is to haue Sixe Poundꝫ of m^r Nortons money puttinge in suerties for the repayement thereof accordinge to the limitacõn of m^r Nortons will./

cf. pp. 67, 70, 81, 84 see p. 47

Monday — die lune 24^to aprił/ 1598· 40^mo. Rĩe Quarterday

pñt m^r Cawood	m^r	m^r Bisshop	m^r Binge
m^r Stirrop	w^rdens	[*m^r newbie*]	m^r Dawson
m^r man		m^r Coldocke	m^r howe
m^r harrison		m^r newbie	m^r Ponsonby
m^r watkins			Ric' Collins

Yt is ordered and agreed by the m^r. Wardens, and Assistentꝫ of this companie assembled in A full Court holden in their hall this day That Iames Askewe als Askell, for disobedience & obstinacie to his m^r. and Wardens and for not observinge and obeyinge the good & Laufull ordoñances and statutꝫ of this Companie shalbe Comitted to prison in example of all the Lyke misdoers, And yt is also ordered and agreed by the said M^r. Wardens and Assistentꝫ, that the seid Iames shall pay ffyve poundꝫ for a fine for the same offence to thuse of this feloweship accordinge to thordõnance in that behalf.

see above

Monday — 15 maij

pñt m^r Cawood	mr	m^r watkins	m^r dawson
m^r Stirrop	w^rdens	m^r Bishop	m^r howe
m^r man		m^r newbie	m^r Ponsonby
m^r harrison		m^r Binge	Ric' Collins

By this full Court of Assistentꝫ holden this day. these are chosen to be of the lyu'ie of this Companye. Viz

1 Ric$^{\text{o}}$ Braddocke	5 Wiłłm leake	10 Io. Rogers	1598
2 nicħas linge	6 Io. norton	11 Peter Short	40 Rĩe.
3 Sampson Clerk	7 Ric$^{\text{o}}$ ffeild	12 Tho Adams	
4 henry hooke	8 humfrey Lownes	13 Cutbert Burby	(10) free. 3 Feb. 89
	9 Rafe Iackson		

See in this booke in thadmission of fremen these and others fremen this yere admitted into the liu$^{\text{o}}$ie and sworne accordingly — see Reg. B 418^{b}, 419^{a}

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Monday

die Lune 22 maij

pñt m^{r} Cawood m^{r}	m^{r} Bisshop	m^{r} Dawson
m^{r} man warden	m^{r} Coldock	m^{r} howe
m^{r} harrison	m^{r} newbery	m^{r} Ro barker
[*m^{r} Bissh*]	m^{r} Binge	m^{r} ponsonby
m^{r} watkins		Ric$^{\text{o}}$ Collins/

Widowe hollins ffr$^{\text{o}}$ Godlif. The controu$^{\text{o}}$sie betwene them about v$^{\text{s}}$ a q$^{\text{r}}$ter to be paid by hym to her for Cõsterdine her Appr$^{\text{o}}$. so longe as he should lyve in the service of the seid ffr$^{\text{o}}$ is by assent of the seid pties submitted to the orderinge of the m$^{\text{r}}$, Wardẽns, & Assisteñtę of this Companye· / Math. C. appr. to Ric. H. 7 Dec. 90, trs. to F. G. 2 Aug. 96, cf. p. 62

m$^{\text{r}}$ Askew: he appeared at a full Court of Assistentę holden this day· And after muche conference had w$^{\text{th}}$ hỹm at his owne mocõn, his fine was [sett] for not servinge the rentership. And lykewise his ffine to be dispensed from servinge any of the offices of the warderships and the maisters place. he Requestinge to haue his choyse to accept either of the waies when the fines be sett / see p. 60

Thereuppon after consideracõn had thereof yt was concluded that he should pay v$^{\text{li}}$ for Refusinge to serue the rentership.

Lykewise that for a dispensation aswell from the rentership as also from the wardenships and the maisters office he shall pay xxx$^{\text{li}}$ wherein ys comprehendid the v$^{\text{li}}$ for not servinge the Rentership

provyded that he shall notw$^{\text{th}}$standinge alwaies be contributary to all cõmon chargę for the service of her maiestie, or the honor of the citye. and the vsuall Assessem$^{\text{t}}$ę in the citie & this Company whereunto he yeildeth and gyveth his consent thereunto w$^{\text{th}}$out excception

Whereuppon m$^{\text{r}}$ Askewe hath promised to appere here againe on the ffirst Monday in Iune next And then to gyve his answere w$^{\text{che}}$ waie he will make his choise of viz· either to pay the v$^{\text{li}}$ for not servinge the rentership this tyme: or to pay the xxx$^{\text{li}}$ to be discharged both of the Rentership the Wardenships and the maisters place /

Monday

12 Iunij 1598 40 Rĩe

pñt· The m$^{\text{r}}$ & w$^{\text{r}}$dens	m$^{\text{r}}$ bishop	m$^{\text{r}}$ barker
m$^{\text{r}}$ watkins	m$^{\text{r}}$ Coldock	m$^{\text{r}}$ Ponsonby
[*m$^{\text{r}}$ bisshop*]	m$^{\text{r}}$ Binge	m$^{\text{r}}$ norton
m$^{\text{r}}$ harison	m$^{\text{r}}$ Dawson	Ric$^{\text{o}}$ Collins

At w$^{\text{ch}}$ day m$^{\text{r}}$ Askewe appered at the hall in a full Court· And praied to haue see p. 60.

1598· respit to make his choise aforeseid betwene this and Michas next w^ch^ request
40 Rie· he made for certen causes declared to the Company. And thereuppon his request is graunted. And he hath promised to appere here againe at michas next And then to deliu' his resolucõn w^che^ of the waies aboueseid he will make his choise of.

m^r^ newbery was at this Court after this act was passed.

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Monday

12 Iunij

see p. 61 m^res^ hollins
ffr' Godliff'
mathewe Costerdine

Vppoñ the hearinge of the matters in Controu'sie betwene the seid ꝑties· yt is ordered & agreed that ffr' Godliff' shall pay to m^res^ hollins xx^s^· viz x^s^ at mydsomer next· and x^s^ at michas next· in full satisfaccõn of all demaundꝭ betwene hym & her· And that Mathewe Costerdine shall diligently & faithfully serue the seid ffr' for all the tyme nowe to coñe of the terme of yeres for w^che^ he was bound prentise to Ric' hollins. And that [at] thend of the same terme the said ffr' at his own costꝭ in all thingꝭ shall make
free. 20 Aug. 99 the said Mathue a freman of london And that m^res^ hollins shall yeild her consent & furtherance thereunto so farre as yt may be done w^th^out any charge Vnto her/

Signũ *mh* Margarete hollins
Signũ *fG* ffr' Godliffe.
Mathew Costardine

Saturday

primo Iulij

STC 19367, cf. 19355 ffelix kingston

R^d^ to the poores accoumpt of ffelix kingston for the resolucõns — xvj^s^

Ric' Collins

R^d^ of Ric' Collins by consent of a full court holden this Daye beinge thelection day· xl^s^ in full paym^t^ of his fine or dispen-
see p. 49 sation for not servinge the rentership beinge sett vppon him A° 1594 — xl^s^

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M^r^. Newbery m^r^·
m^r^ Binge
m^r^ Ponsonby } w^r^deñs/

Thursday

13 Iulij.

E. D. had apprs. 1577–1602 T. L., see p. 1 Edw day
Tho. Limbery

The matter in Controu'sie betwene Edw^r^d Day and Tho· Lymbery· is by thassent of the ꝑties submitted to the hearinge order and determinacõn of the m^r^ wardens and assistꝭ
see p. 63 or the more ꝑte of them· And the seid Edward agreeth presently to deliu' the seid Thom^as^ out of prison· he payiñge the chargꝭ of the prisõn./

m^r^ wolf
m^r^ Short/

The matter in controu'sie betwene Iohn wolff and Peter short is [by] both their assentꝭ submitted to the Iudgement and orderinge of the m^r^ wardens and Assistentꝭ/

/.16to· Iunij·/ (*error for July, Sunday*) 1598·

Tho Lymbery Ed: Day — Vppon the hearinge of the matter in Controu'sie Betwene Edward Day and Tho lymberye yt is ordered by the m^{r} wardens and assistentϱ That the seid Thomas lymbery shall p'sently paye to the seid Edw^{r}d Day ij^{s} in full satisfacc$\tilde{o}$n of all demaundϱ. And that either of the seid $\mathfrak{p}$ties shall $\tilde{p}$sently seale and Deliuer to thother a gen'all Releas of all Demaundϱ to this Daye 40· Rĩe see p. 62

Ed: Daye·/
Thomas Lymburye

(*in margin*) The seid ij^{s}. were p'sently p^{d} accordingely·

Vlt' Iulij Monday

Rϱ^{d} of m^{r} Rogers for his entrance into the liu'y—ij^{li} see Reg. B 419a (1 July)

7 August· Monday

R Braddok. Richard Braddock hath $\mathfrak{p}$mised to distract or vtter none of the godly gardens nor x$\tilde{p}$ian praie^{r}s till an ende be made betwene him & the Company for the same. And he hath a fortnightϱ respit gyven him to deliu' his Answere whether he will bring them into the hall accordinge to his form' promise or not. wthin w^{ch} tyme he $\mathfrak{p}$miseth to gyve his answere accordingly The nũber be these. viz 500 of the godly gardens and xij^{c} of thother· cf. STC 11555 ff. cf. STC 6429 ff.

Richard Bradocke

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4to Sept' Monday

p$\tilde{n}$t m^{r} new$\mathfrak{b}$ie	m^{r}	m^{r} Bishop	m^{r} Dawson
m^{r} Binge	w^{r}dens	m^{r} Coldock	m^{r} mãn.
m^{r} Ponsonby	w^{r}dens	m^{r} Cawood	m^{r} norton.
m^{r} watkins	w^{r}dens	m^{r} Stirrop	Ric' Co$\mathfrak{h}$lins

ffor Diu'se good consideracõns moved to a full Cou'te of Assistentϱ holden this Daye, yt is thoughte good ordered and concluded by the said Cou'te That yerely fromhensforth Twoo of the foure quarter Dynners shalbe omitted and lefte of And that there shalbe but only twoo quarter Dynners kepte yerelye fromhensforth whereof the one shalbe made at the vsuall quarter Daye for Christmasse, And the other shalbe the election Dynn' at the Accustomed tyme of mydsommer/ (*entry crossed off*)

(*in margin*) 16· Aprĩl· 1604· 2do. RRϱ Iacobi Cancelled and striken out by order and Co$\tilde{m}$aundem^{t} of A Court of the m^{r} Wardens & Assistentϱ Monday

Then beinge. m^{r}	Assistentϱ	
m^{r} Bysshop	m^{r} harrison sen'	m^{r} Seton
wardens	m^{r} man	m^{r} waterson
m^{r} dawson.	m^{r} Barker	m^{r} Io norton
m^{r} hoop.	m^{r} white	m^{r} East

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The copie of the Counsells order sett downe touchinge Stafford· die Dm̃ce· 10 Sept' 1598·

see APC, xxix. 148

Sonday· At ye Court at Grenewiche the 10. of September present·

.L. kep	.L. Buckhurst
.L. Admirall	mr. Comptroler
.L. Chamb̃len	mr. Secretary
.L. North	Sr. Io. ffortescue

see p. 60

It is ordered by their llp vppon the hearinge of the cause betwene Symon Stafford and the Company of Stationers· That forasmuche as ye said Stationers haue offered before their honors to receaue the said Stafford to be of their Cõmunalty and Corporacõn yf he will chaunge hym self from the Company of Draps whereof he nowe is. and to procure him to be admitted a maister printer accordinge to the Decree of the hon'able Court of Starchamber of the 23 of Iune 1586. Therefore the said Stafford shall Desiste from erectinge any printe and shall not vse the same as a maister printer vntill he shalbe admitted & made a ffreeman & member of the said Corporacõn of Station's & be elected & admitted A prynter to prynte accordinge to ye said Decree. And that the sayd Station's for their ptes shall readyly & frely admitt him so to Printe yeildinge him self to be of their Corporacõn as aforeseid

free. 7 May 99

see p. 68

Concordat Cũ originali

Sic signatur· originalis Copia·/

a Clerk of the Council

Exr· per· Th· Smithe

Fol. 468a Tuesday

19 Sept'

mathue Lownes
Ric' Bradock

Vppon the delib̃at hearinge of the matter in Controu'sie betwene the seid ptie̅s havinge submitted them selues to the order of the mr and Wardens· Yt is this day ordered by the said mr & wardens that the seid Mathewe Lownes shall haue tyme onely till the 25th of m'che next to sell all suche nũbers as nowe rest in his hande vnsold of an imp'ssion wche he bought of the seid Bradock of a praier booke called the Pensiue Mans practise/ And that the said Bradocke by Satterdaie next shall bringe into the hall there to Remaine till the seid 25 of m'che next those vj leaves that he hath nowe printed of the seid booke contrary to his form' p̃mise made to the seid lownes and shall desiste & forbeare vntill the seid xxvth of m'che next, from printinge any other or moore Leafe or leaves of the same book·

cf. STC 18616 ff., ent. to H. Singleton 6 Aug. 84

cf. pp. 66, 76

Richard Bradocke *By me mathew lownes./*

.6· octobr' (*Friday*) 1598·

pñt. 40 Rie·

mr newbery } mr wrdens
mr Binge
mr Ponsonby

mr watkins
mr Bysshop
mr Norton
Ric' Collins

mr Tho morley one of the gentlemen of her matie Chappell/

This gent' this day shewed vnto the Company her matie lres patentie vnder the grat seale of England dated 28 Septembr' 1598 Ao 40 Rie made to hym for terme of xxjtie yeres from the date of the said lres patentie for the speciall priuilege of the sole printynge of sett songes in partes &c' in any tonge servinge for the musick either of church or chamber and also for the Rulinge of any pap by Impression to serue for the pricking or printinge of any songe or songe to be songe or plaied in church chamber or otherwise/ And the Company haue taken notice thereof accordinglye/ i.e. writing music

16· oct' Monday

mr askewe

Mr Askewe apperinge in the hall at a full court of Assistentie deliu'ed his resolucõn concernynge the matters wch the 12 of Iune last he pmised to a full court of assistentie to deliu' his resolucõn in at michas Last· viz he makith his resolucõn and choise to pay the vli to be discharged of the rentership altogether foreu', And to stand subiect to serve the wardenships and maisters place as thelections thereunto shall fall vpon him The said vli to be paid on mondaie next after Symõn and Iudes Day next/ wche sõme of vli was paid accordinge to this order. 30 Oct'· 1598. 40 Rie. i.e. 28 Oct.

(*in margin*) Solut'· 30· oct' 1598· 40 Rie· see Reg. B 397a

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16 oct' Monday

Discharged in the renters Accoumpte this yere

Rd by mr warden ponsonby of Tho ffowkes viijs for all his arr of quarterage vntill or Lady Day Last 1598·— viijs (not traced)

6 nov. Monday

The Dynn' vppon my l. maiors Day.

yt is ordered by a full Court of assistentie holden this day that the Remaynor of the charge of the dynn' on my lord maiors Daie this yere whatsoeuer yt amount vnto aboue the xli wche mr Seton the renter in discharge of him self alowed thereto Shall be borne of the comon charge of the Companie in the wardens accõpt. i.e. Monday, 30 Oct.

Wydowe Smyth of the hall

yt is ordered that the Wardens shall deliu' vnto mres Smythe at her goinge out of the possession of the hall house· xxs of the Cõpanies gift·— xxs gyven to Widowe Smithe (not traced)

1598· 40 Rie· i.e. 25 Mar.

mr Watkins for Ric' Braddock·

Mayster and wardens, vpon the promise of Richard Braddock a brother of our companye, that he shall not print nor cause to be printed before the feast of the Añũciacõn of the Virgin next coñinge any of the booke intituled the pensive mans practise nor any sheete or sheetę thereof moore then is alredy Printed, and vppon his request to me therfore I doo by this my hand writinge promise and assure for him, that he shall performe the same accordinglye. Wrytten the 9· (*sic*) of november 1598

Richard Watkins

Copia Vera·

(*in margin*) entred here by the originall 5to· Nov· 1598·

see p. 64

Tuesday

5 decẽbr' (*41 Eliz.*)

Wm Blackwall
Edwrd Aldee

Vppon the hearing of a controu'sie betwene the seid ꝑties concerninge the mirror of mans miseries/ yt is ordered by thassent of the said ꝑties that Edwrd Aldee shall enioy the said booke as his own copie And that Wm Blackwall shall Haue of Edwrd Aldee xxs wthin Sixe dayes next wch the said Edwrd wthin that tyme shall pay to mr warden ponsonby to the seid wms vse. And that at the next printing of the said booke the said Edwrd shall frely gyve to the said willm̃ One hundred ꝑfect Bookę of the said book all clere and free both paper & printing

Ed. Allde. *w̃ blackwall*

ent. to Allde 21 Nov. 94, cf. Herb. 1239 (1584), and see Index

see p. 69

(*in margin*) [*Vide*] See a newe agrement for this matter 2 Aprił Ao. 41 Rĩe.

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Monday

15 Ianuarij (*1598/9*)

Mr Trippe

In full Court holden this daie yt is Concluded that mr Tryppe shalbe Receaued into this Companye. by translation from̃ the Companye of goldesmythes to this./

Hen. T. free. 26 June 99

wardmote Inquest·

Ręd for lettinge the hall to the Wardmote Inquest—xxs

Monday

Decimo quinto die Ianuarij 1598 Ano RRęne Eliž xljo/

pñte./ mr Newbery mr Binge mr Ponsonby wardens mr Harrison senior' mr Watkyns mr Bysshopp mr Coldock mr Stirropp mr Dawson mr Howe Ric' Collyns

Vppon good Consideracõns, yt is Concluded and ordered by a full court holden this daye: That mr Man mr Ponsonby mr Barker and mr Norton. shalbe Capable to be in election the next yere to be vpper wardens, Payinge suche Consideracõn respectively, as [*to*] the mr wardens and Assistentę shall thincke meete for passinge in that sort, from servinge the vnderwardenship·/ Viž· mr Man and mr Ponsonby servinge that place but once. and mr Barker and mr Norton not any tyme at all· These Consideracõns wch be termed fynes, to be at the Discretion of a Court of Assistentę/

T. M. 1597–8
W. P. 1598–9
Robt. Barker
Bonham Norton

see p. 67

M^r Barker & m^r Norton xx^li a pece/ Presently therevppon M^r Barker and m^r Norton, are by this Court rated and assessed for those respect^e to paye xx^li a peece Within a moneth next/ yt beinge referred to their owne elections, eyther to paye those som̃es Or to serve the vnder-wardenshipps when they be elected./ 1598/9· 41· Rñe see p. 72, and (R. B.) p. 77

m^r Man iij^li vj^s viij^d Also that m^r Man shall paye iij^li vj^s viij^d within the lyke tyme, for the cause aforesaide./ see p. 72

m^r Ponsonby v^li Also that m^r Ponsonby shall paye v^li within the lyke tyme p^d for the same cause./ see p. 68

16 Ianuarij Tuesday

w^m Wood Will̃m Wood by most voyces is to haue the vj^li in vse w^che cam̃e in this yere by m^r nortons bequest puttinge in good suerties for yt accordinge to m^r nortons Will And to haue yt duringe the tyme appointed by the said Will/ see p. 60

17 Ianuarij Wednesday

pñt [*m^r newbery m^r m^r Bysshop m^r Watk*]	m^r harrison	m^r Stirrop
	m^r watkins	m^r dawson
	m^r Bysshop	m^r norton
m^r newbery m^r	m^r Coldok	Ric^o Collins

m^r Binge m^r Ponsonby m^r Man Whereas controu'sie hathe ben moved betwene m^r Binge m^r ponsonby and m^r man about a booke called Plesses of the masse whereof twoo entrances are in the hall booke the first claymed by m^r Man The second by m^r Binge and m^r poñsonby beinge by them submitted to thorderinge of the m^r [*Wardeñs*] and Assistent^e here present. nowe vppon the examination & consideration thereof yt is ordered and agreed that the said m^r Binge m^r Ponsonby and m^r man shall p̄te and p̄telyke betwene [them] in Three equall p̄tes, haue and enioye the said copye, nowe and at all tymes hereafter bearinge ratablie charg^e for the same accordingly. STC 18142 (1600) ent. 31 Mar. 98 ent. 17 Oct. 98

Pñt m^r newbery m^r		m^r watkins	[*m^r Man*]
m^r Binge	} w^rdens	m^r Bysshop	m^r Dawson
m^r ponsonby	} w^rdens	m^r Coldock	m^r man
m^r harrison	} w^rdens	m^r Stirrop	m^r norton

Ric^o Collins Clerke· Also yt is ordered and agreed by this Court that Richard Collins Clerke of this Company over and aboue the vse of the house alowed vnto him beinge p̄te of the hall, shall haue fromhensforth duringe his Contynuance in the said clerkship iiij^li by the yere as he had before when he dwelt not in the said house· And also that the charg^e of emptyinge the vault havinge nowe nede of emptyinge and the charg^e of mendinge the glasse Wyndowes in that said house shalbe borne as foloweth. viz̄

1598/9· the one half by the Company in the Wardens accoumpt and thother half by
41 Rñe the said Ric'.

Fol. 470a .8. ffebr'· (*Thursday*)

m^r Ponsonby. m^d that m^r ponsonby hathe paid to the hande of m^r Binge
see pp. 66–7 warden· his v^li sett vpon [hym] the xv^th of Ianuary last for
see Reg. 397b not servinge the yonger wardenship the second tyme. The w^che v^li are layd vp in the coñon chest in the charge of the Wardens accoumpt/

for order of 27 Feb. see p. 69

Monday 5^to marcij

Simon· At a court holden this day· yt was concluded that Symon Stafford,
see p. 64 Stafford. accordinge to my lord[e] kepers order shall haue his printinge stuff Redeliu'ed vnto him w^che was seised in or about the begynnynge of marche 1597 w^che Redeliu'y is made in respect of the said order and that he hathe accordinge to the same entred into bond to her ma^te vse in thoffice of the starre chamber [not] to printe [*nothinge*] Contrary to the decrees of that Court.

W^che Printinge stuffe Were Redeliu'ed vnto him accordingly the xij^th day of march 1598·

viz·

All the letters, and parte of a printinge presse, and all the rest of the goode and stuffe whiche Were seised, and brought from the said Symon Stafford by vertue of the decrees of the starchamber or otherwise

Receyued by me *Simon Stafford* accordingly.

Witnesse[s] hereof

Ri: Cottins

present at the doinge hereof

m^r newbery· m^r m^r watkins
m^r Binge } wardens m^r dawson
m^r ponsonby } m^r man/

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Monday 26 m'cij

M^r Roberte: yt is ordered by their consente that Iames Roberte shall
STC 17349 Willm Wood deliu' vnto the seid w^m wood all the booke of horsmanship by
(J. Roberts), m^r Markham, w^che the said Iames printeth of this Impression
ent. to W. Wood 6 Nov. 98 And that the said Willm̃ shall pay vnto him for the same viij^s a Reame for pap & printinge whereof iiij^li to be paid betwene this and Easter next at the receipt of the said booke and the Residue to be paid before thende of Easter
trs. to E. White 2 Aug. 02 terme next. And that the said copye shall Remaine to the seid willm̃ wood And m^r Roberte shall alwaies duringe his life haue the woorkmanship of the printinge thereof for the said Willm̃ Wood as often as it shalbe printed hereafter.

an order made [*the*] on Tuesday the 27 of ffebr' 1598(/9)· 41 Rñe (*recited 26 Mar.?*) 1599· 41 Rñe

m^r windet. whereas by agrement betwene the ꝑteners in Ric' Dayes p'uilege and Iohn Wyndet clayminge the woorkmanship of certen thinge belonginge to y^t p'uilege The said Io windet hath entred into bond in 500^li concernynge the said woorkmanship as by y^e same bond appeareth. yt is nowe further ordered & agreed betwene the said ꝑties that the said Iohn Windet & his assignes fromhensforth yerely duringe all suche tyme as he or they shall haue the seid w^rkmãship shall gyve vnto the seid ꝑten's eu'y yere at suche tyme as they shall Require it, one breakfast of xl^s at his own coste. And for the begyning of theffectinge thereof the said Iohn windet this day hath gyveñ vnto the said ꝑten's the first breakfast of xl^s for this first yere/

The w^ch bond of 500^li was ꝺꝺ into the custody of Willm̃ Leeke Threr̃ to the ꝑteners.

2 Aprił 1599· 4i Rñe Monday

M^r Harrison. m^d that a bond of 500^li from m^r harrison & m^r linge not to
M^r. Linge Releas m^r windette bond of 500^li [*is*] And one other bond of
M^r. Leeke. 300^li concerninge m^r leake to gyve accountpte to the ꝑteners the bond beinge made to m^r newbery Are deliu'ed to m^r Binge and m^r ponsonby wardens to kepe to thuse of the ꝑteners in the p'uilege of W^m Seres & Ric' daye

The said bond of m^r harrison and m^r linge is made to M^r Bisshop & m^r norton. dat' 2 m'cij A° sup^rd The said bond of W^m Leeke is dated 26 m'cij A° sup^a dc̃o.

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[*27 m'cij*] 2 Aprił Monday

pñt· m^r newbery m^r· m^r Harrison sen'· m^r Stirrop·
m^r Binge } w^rdeñs m^r watkins· m^r. dãwsõn·
m^r ponsonby } w^rdeñs m^r Bishop· Ric'· Collins·/

m^r Harrison Iun' Where m^r harrison Iun' was chosen rent^r the last monday 26. m'cij, And nowe for diu'se respecte is desyrous to be dispensed with from servinge the same place, for a Reasonable fine to be imposed vppon hym therfore· Yt is this day by a Court of Assistente, ordered for the respecte aforeseid that he shall paye v^li for a fine before the next accountpt of the wardens Viz at Mydsomer next

(*in margin*) p^d. 25^to. Iunij see Reg. B 397^b

Whereuppon this day m^r Symon Waterson is at this Court and day Chosen to be renter for this present yere insuynge

w^m Blackwall yt is also ordered that Edward Aldee shall stand discharged
Edw^rd Aldee of the xx^s w^ch he was ordered to paye to willm̃ Blackwall the v^th of December Last· And that the former order sett downe see p. 66 betwene them that day shalbe voyd· And that the said Willm̃ shall pay to the seid Edward· v^s· by the next Court day· And that the said Willm̃ from-

1599· hensforth shall enioy the Myro^r of Mans miserie as his own copye to print at
41 Rñe his pleasure for euer/

Ed. Allde. & w^m blackwall

m^r norton m^r wight. here was Redd and notified to the Company· her Maiesties graunt by letters patent̨ dated 10 Marcij A° 41 Rñe to m^r Bonham Norton and m^r Tho Wight for 30 yeres from the date thereof. Of the book̨ concerninge the Cõmon Lawe/

in succ. to Ch. Yetsweirt, see pp. 48–9

M^r Bonham Norton beinge here p^rsent promised to Deliu^r the Companye A Copie of the seid letters patent̨ for their better vnderstandinge of the content̨ thereof.

J. H., Reg. A 275a see p. 60

Roberte bolton to haue the vj^li paid this day from [hodget/ (*inserted later in blank*)] puttinge in sufficient suerties for yt according to m^r nortons will/

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Monday

16 aprił·

Walter dight· Yt is ordered this daye (beinge the quarter daye) That Walter Dight from tyme to tyme at the discretion and appointm^t of the Wardens for the tyme beinge shall Attend vpon the said Wardens in thaffayres of the Companye accordinge to their directions. And for eu^ry daye that they employe him in servyce for the Company: he shalbe alowed xij^d for that day at the charge of the Companye in the Wardens Accoumpt.

Walter Dight. Also for the avoydinge of Diu^rse inconveniencies yt is thought good: that Walter Dight shall not be suffered to kepe a printinge presse/

Monday

16 Aprił·

M^r watkins. This day beinge quarter day & a full Court of Assistent̨ assembled & kepinge Court· & the p̨ten^rs in y^e p^ruileg̨ of W^m Seres & Ric^r Day beinge there also p^rsent. Consideracõn was had of the request here made from m^r watkins by his wife. And thereupon after good deliberacõn, yt is ordered & Agreed vnto by y^e said p̨ten^rs. that m^r norton & m^r white shall viewe and puse all the debt̨ whereof m^r Watkins craveth deduction & alowãce And the said p̨ten^rs doo Conclude to gyve m^r watkins Deduction & alowance of asmany of y^e same as haue beñ iustly & truly made so yt be not to pettye chapmen of the Cũtrey provided that m^r norton & m^r white vpon their viewe & exaĩacõn of y^e seid debt̨ doo finde them iust & true Also at the motion of m^r Watkins· the said p̨ten^rs are content that for the Remayndor that ouer & aboue the deductions & alowances aforeseid shall Remaine due from him to the seid p̨ten^rs: he & his exec^r shall haue respit to pay the same in this man^r· Viz the one half the xxv^th of December next And the other half the xxv^th of December A° Dñi 1600.

? John N.

W^m leake· Also at this Day and place the said p̨ten^rs haue gyven lib̨tie to Willm̃ Leeke nowe their treasorer, to credit any of the p̨teners to the value of that p̨teners p̨te onely & no moore nor aboue, And that so they will hold them selues content/

7 maij (*Monday*)

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Io. Symoñs
Wm houghton·

yt is ordered vppon the hearinge of the matters in Controu'sye betwene [them] beinge submitted by them to the orderinge of this Court of Assistentę/ That the said Willm̃ houghton shall pay vnto the said Iohn Symons· xxs· viž xs in hand p'sently and xs at mydsomer next. And that all sutę betwene the said pties shalbe surceased & discharged·

J. S. bookbinder, cf. Reg. B 125b W. H., see p. 57

Mres Orwyn
felix kingston
Tho· Iudson

Vppon the hearinge of the matter in controu'sie[s] betwene them/ yt is ordered that felix Kingston shall in full satisfaccõn of all demaundę to this day· pay vnto Tho Iudson the sõme of vjli· viž· iijli at Christmas next· And other iijli at mydsomer then next 1600· And that felix kingston shall presently enter into bond in ·x·li· to the said Tho Iudson for the payment of the said vjli in forme aforeseid· And that vpon the sealinge of this newe bond Tho Iudson shall delyu' to the said felix the old bond· wche is left in thandę of the Clerk to that prpose/

Joan, wid. of Th. O.

Vijo maij 1599 Ao 4jo Rĩe Elizabeth

Monday

Present

mr newberye
mr Bynge
mr Ponsonby
mr Harrison senior
} wardens

mr Bisshop
mr Coldocke
mr Cawood
mr Stirrop

mr dawson
mr man
mr Howe
mr norton
Ric' Collins/

mr Iohn norton/
Abraham Howe/

Whereas on the xxvjth of Iune 1598 40mo Rĩe Abraham Howe was presented as appeareth in the hall booke to bee prentise with mr norton for nyne yeeres [*for*] from Christmas then laste 1597 Anno 40mo Rĩe Elizabeth The Indentures whereof by oversight of the wryter and meere error, are made for nyne yeeres from Christmas nexte after the date of thindentures wch is moore by a yeere then yt should bee And soe thindentures are inrolled/ Nowe theror in due tyme beinge pceaved, ytt is ordered by consent of mr Iohn norton, and hee agreeth hereby to take noe advauntage of the laste yeere conteyned in the said Indentures, butt to make said Abraham free att thend of nyne yeeres to bee Reckoned from Christmas 1597 Anno 40mo Rĩe Elizabeth accordinge to the truth of the said presentment/

son of Wm. H., see Reg. B 97a (correct)

(no record)

Iohn Norton

Subscriptũ presente·

Ric: Cottins Norio

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·19· maij

Saturday

Mr Stokes
Io. Iagger

Yt is ordered that mr Stokes shall pay to mr Iagger xxs in recõpence of all form' offencę & losses done to mr Iagger by Robert Bladen his apprent' And shall enter into bond in xxli to mr Iagger to pay so muche as shalbe proved the said Apprentice dothe Imbezill from his said Mr hereafter. The same to be Answered alwaies vpon iij monethes Warninge. And mr Iagger to Receaue the said Apprentice againe to kepe him as his Apprent' duringe the Residue of the terme of his apprentishood

Mr. S. (not traced)

appr. to J. Jagger 28 Apr. 95 (left bef. 7 Mar. 03)

1599· 41· Rñe
see p. 57
J. Herdson, free. 2 May 97

Io hodgettę Iames herdson·

Yt is ordered that they twoo puttinge [in] iij good sureties A pece accordinge to m^r^ Stuckies Will, suche as the m^r^ & Wardens shall lyke, Shall haue v^li^ a pece of the mõney of m^r^ Stuckies gift w^ch^ at this pñt is Repayd from men that [had] the same in occupyinge form'ly accordinge to his Will/ To be seu'ally occupied for ij yeres as the said Will appointeth.

Actum per magistrũ et Custodes·

Monday
see Reg. B 316^b^ (books to be burned)

4 Iunij· pñt at the publishing of the order of my lordę grace & my lord of london gyven to the m^r^ & wardens primo isti^9^ Iunij m^r^ windet. Gab. Sympson. Ric' Bradock ffelix Kingston. W^m^ White. Rafe Blore Tho Iudson. Peter Short Adam Islip m^r^ feild. m^r^ Bolifant. Edw^rd^ Aldee.

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Monday

4 Iunij

see p. 2

pinfold Cooke/

Nicholas pynfold is elected to be Cooke Vnto the Company, duranti beneplito, beinge found honest and fytt for the place. Vppon tryall. And he to haue lyke fee as the form' Cooke had/

appr. 4 Feb. 94, free. 2 Mar. 01 (pres. by W's administrator)

Tho· Grãnth^a^m

yt is ordered that Tho· Grantham late apprentise to m^r^ Watkins. shall serue out the residue of the terme of his apprentiship w^th^ m^r^ Bysshop. m^r^ newbery & m^r^ Barker. They to fynd hym all necessaries and to make him free at thend of his terme at their own charge.

Friday

29 Iuni

see pp. 66–7

M^r^. Norton

This day m^r^ norton hath ꝑmised before the Company here assembled: to paye the xx^li^ sett vpon him for not servinge the [*rentership*] [vnderwardenship] w^th^in one yere next· And further that if his xx^li^ lent to her ma^tie^, in this Company shalbe repaid before thend of the said yere That then yt shall goo presently vpon the receipt thereof to the satisfaccõn of the said fine of xx^li^ *By me Bonham Norton·*

see Reg. B 397^b^

(*in margin*) paid accordingly 29· decembr' 1599 Vt pꝫ inter fines de eodm̃ A^o^ · R C·

see pp. 66–7

M^r^. Barker

mđ that m^r^ Barker hathe ꝑmised that yf he be freed from beinge in election for the vnderwardenship, Then he will pay that w^che the Company expect at his handę· And the Company doo expect to receaue the xx^li^ w^ch^ hath ben sett vpon him for that matter· And therfore conclude he shall not be in election for that place/

see pp. 66–7

see Reg. B 397^b^

M^r^ Man

Also m^r^ man hathe here promised to pay the iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ sett vpon him for not servinge the vnderwardenship the second tyme w^th^in one yere next And further that yf his money iij^li^ lent to her maiestie in this company shall be repaid before thend of the said yere That then he shall presently there uppon pay the said iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ *Thomas man·*

(*in margin*) paid accordingly 29· decembr' 1599 vt pꝫ inter fines eiusdem Anni R· C

Mr Cawood mr
mr man
mr Windet } Wardens

Iulij 1599 41 Rie

for the yere insuinge/

Court 1 July, see p. xix

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mr Cawood· mr
mr Man
mr Windet } wardens

3 Iulij — Tuesday

Present mr Cawood. mr
mr man
mr windet } wrdens

mr harison senr
mr Bysshop
mr Coldok
mr newbery

mr Stirrop
mr Binge
mr Dawson
mr ponsonby

Richard Collins·

This day by a full Court of Assistentę yt is ordered and Concluded. that Richard Collins Clerk of this Companye shalbe clerely discharged and freed for euer from bearinge or servinge any other office servyce or place in this Companye, savinge Onely the Clerkeship of the Companie And that in consyderacõn of this dispensation he shall paie ffyve poundę to thuse of the Companye Wthin One yere next And Contynewe to serue the Clerkship as heretofore he hathe done.

Redd and Consented vnto in open Court before yt was entred (*in margin*) pd accordingly as appereth in the entrancę of fines and dispensations 14· febr' 1599· 42 Rie—vli p .R. C.

see Reg. B 397b

mr Dawson

The Wardens to Aunswere mr Dawson xls Remayninge behynd vnto hym vpon his Wardenship accõpt 1597 And xiijs iiijd due vnto him vpon the poores accoumpt of that yere

The Wardens to yeild their Accoumpt and haue yt Audited the first moñday in August next

6 Augusti 1599. — Monday

The mõney owinge vppon Interest.

At a Court holden this daye yt is agreed: that the lli owinge by the Cõpany & taken vp at vsance/ Shalbe Contynued for vj monethes longer

cf. p. 54

mr· Bradshawe vs· for the renter·

p̃d to mr windet to be deliu'ed to the renter for tharrerage of mr Bradshawes qrterage—vs

? Thos B.

(*in margin*) dd to mr. watrson renter ·j· octr· 1599·

.13· Augusti — Monday

mr Leeke mr Burby.

yt is ordered by their assent· that they may sell out this Impression wche they haue last printed (whereof they haue about a thousand left at this p'sent vnsold) at xxd the booke: And that at all Impressions thereof after this, they shall sell [it] at ij shetę a pẽny & not aboue Viz the booke called mr Smythes sermons lately printed by Robert Dexter and them

STC 22748 (1599, for Burby) cf. 22761 (1602, for Leake) STC 22749–54, 21761 ff. STC 22776–80

3 Sept' (*Monday*)

R. P. free. 31 July 81 — Tho· Coley·/ Re^d of Ric' palm' for his q^rterage to this day—v^s/ in manib3 Custod

T.C. appr. to R. P. (not presented, see Reg. B 397b), free. this day — (*in margin*) đđ to m^r waterson renter · 1· oct'· 1599

1 oct' (*Monday*)

cf. p. 94 (19 Dec.) — m^r man — yt is agreed that m^r man shall from tyme to tyme pay twenty shillinge to thuse of the Company as often as he shall printe the

ent. this day — psalmes of david in french w^che is entred for his copye this day

see Reg. C 52b — (*in margin*) Vide Registu Copiau/

see p. 52 and cf. Reg. A 275a — Vał Syms — yt is referred to our m^r & wardens to deale w^th Vał Syms Concernynge his printed papers Remayninge in the hall.

Monday — .8· oct'·

Edw^rd veng· — Re^d of him by m^r windet iiij^s [*viij^d*] iiij^d for his arr' of q^rterage vntill & at Michas 1599·

(*in margin*) đđ to m^r waterson 5· novẽbr' 1599·

present m^r Cawood, m^r man, m^r windet } w^rdens — m^r. harrison theld^r, m^r. Bishop., m^r· newberie, m^r. Stirrop — m^r. Dawson, m^r. ponsonby, Ric'. Collins

appr. to T. Cooke, free. 3 Aug. 94 — Io. hardie — At a Court holden this daye yt is ordered & Agreed· that Iohn hardy A freman of this Company, Exercisinge the office of the

see p. 59 — bedleship of this Companie in the behalf of Toby Cooke nowe bedell vnto the sayd Companie/ [shall exercise the same] duringe the life of the said Toby & the Companyes lykinge, Reservinge to the said Toby the fee of x^li by the yere for the same office: And the said Iohn behavinge hym self duringe all y^t tyme, dutyfully, honestly well & faithfully in the same, in suche sort that duringe the seid tyme and at the deceas of the said Toby/ he shalbe well lyked of by the Company, aswell for those respecte as his sufficiencie in the place & service. Then from the deceas of the said Toby, The said Iohn duringe his good behavio^r and the good lykinge of the Company shall haue the said

see p. 75 — office of the bedleship of the Company. And Duringe the said Tobies Lyfe, The said Iohn shall hold him self Content onely w^th the casuall profitte (called the Avayles) of the said office, w^thout Clayminge any other or further Alowance or Consideracõn for his service & paynes in the said place. And the said Toby duringe his life & the Companies pleasure to Enioye his fee aforesaid

5^to novembr' (*Monday*) 1599

Edw^rd Venge
Symon Stafford

At a Court holden this day yt is ordered by assent of the said ptīes· That the said Symon Stafford at all tymes hereafter shall haue the Woorkmãship of printinge for the said Edward venge· of the patheway to learne to write & Read wrytten hand w^ch is entred for the said Venge Copie in this yere 1599 in Iuly 41 Rīe

ent. 31 July 99, cf. C-B. C 7^b (*A Week's Works*), and see p. 83

Edward veng'·
Simon Stafford.

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3 Decembr' (*42 Eliz.*) Monday

present m^r Cawood m^r
m^r Man } w^rdens
m^r Windet }
m^r harrison

m^r Bysshop
m^r Coldock
m^r newbie
m^r Binge

m^r Dawson
m^r Ponsonby
m^r Norton
Ric' Collins

Tho· Purfoote

At this Court, the Companie haue considered of Thomas purfoote the younger touchinge A former order sett downe for him for the office of the Clerkeship of the Companie at the next avoydance thereof, yf he were found fytt for the same. And vppon goode deliberacõn had thereuppon. ffor that for certen yeres he hathe left his former trade And betaken hym self to another vocacõn whereby they conceaue he wanteth sufficient experience to serve the place, Also for that they haue founde A great disorder and obstinacie in hym in breakinge thordõnance of the Companie thoughe he were admonished to the contrarye. ffor these causes and diu'se other Respecte the Companye by this Court doo Iudge hym to be an Vnfytt person to haue the said office at any tyme/

see p. 39

2 decembr'

Re^d for a weddinge in the hall—x^s

Ianuarij 8. (*1599/1600*) Tuesday

Re^d of the Wardmote inquest for the hall this yere—xx^s.

Re^d of the benevolence of m^res Stirrop vpon her husbande deceas. w^ch was pcell of her loane money—xl^s wid. of Thos. S.

pñt m^r Cawood m^r
m^r man } w^rdens
m^r Windet }
m^r harison

m^r Bisshop
m^r Coldock
m^r newbie
m^r dawson

m^r Ponsonby
m^r Barker
m^r norton
Ric' Collins

This day m^r Robert Barker shewed forthe his letters patente vnder the greate seale of England graunted to hym for terme of his lyfe by her maiestie of the office of her highnes printership in the xxxj^th yere of her Reign, in Reu'cõn from his fathers deceas (who is nowe deceased) The w^che letters patente were openly Redd to the Company by the Clerk in [*by*] a full Court of Assistente holden this Day beinge quarter day Chris. B. died 29 Nov. 99

This day Io hardy took his Oathe for the bedelship of this Company

see p. 74

1599/1600· 42 Rĩe
Fol. 475a

4 ffebr' (*Monday*)

pñt mr Cawood mr
mr man } wrdens
mr windet }

mr harrison sen'
mr Coldock
mr newbie
mr dawson

mr Ponsonby
mr Norton
Ric' Collins

This day came Thomas Iudson before A whole Court [of] Assistentę and acknolegethe that he hath sold all his presses letters & printinge stuffe to Iohn haryson the yonger sõne of mr Iohn haryson thelder· And doth nowe before this Court Relinquyshe Resigne and gyve vp his place of pryntyng as a mayster printer And agreeth neuer to erect printinge agayne nor vse or kepe[*inge*] a printing house as a mr printer hereafter. Agreynge also that the said Iohn haryson the yonger havinge thus bought his letters presses & printinge stuffe shalbe preferred therewth to vse printinge & kepe A Printinge house./

Thomas Iudson

Monday

3 m'cij

cf. p. 48 Threasorer to the ꝑten's

mr Seton is content to be treasorer to the ꝑten's in mr Seres and mr dayes p'uilege, yf mr leeke cannot be ꝑswaded to contynue in yt nor the ꝑten's think good to choose any other betwene this and the next quarter day—ijs vjd

?free. 6 Dec. 97 Io Sympson

mr wyndet hathe Receaued of Iohn Sympson viijd for arr'. and xvjd for his quarterage for this yere So he is to pay no moore till mydsomer next—ijs

Monday

17 marcij

cf. p. 48 mr Leeke Thrẽr

mr leeke is chosen by the ꝑteners to be treasorer for the yere insuyinge of the thinge ꝑteyninge to the p'uilege of mr Seres & mr day

?Th. Cl. free. 4 Feb. oo Mr. H. (not traced) Stockeꝑs chosen· viz̃

mr Burby. mr Short. mr Clerk. and Iohn Newbery. yt is thought mete that mr hyelord should yeild sõme gratification to Iohn newbery bycause he is chosen for mr [*Io newbie*/] hyelord. So these to be stockkeꝑs for the yere insuyinge·

Fol. 475b
Monday

2 Iunij

Pñt· mr Cawood mr
mr mãn warden
mr harrison

mr Bysshop
mr Coldock.
mr newbie

mr Binge
mr Ponsonby
mr howe/

F.N. free. 7 July oo *P.M.P.* STC 18618, pt. i see p. 64, pt. ii ent. to J. O. 2 Apr. 95, pt. iii ent. to F. N. 1 Sept. oo

yt is agreed that ffelix norton when [he] is a freman shall haue entred for his copies. ij ꝑtes of the pensive mans practise, and the substance of Christian Religion. wch Did ꝑteine to Io Oxonbridge· ffor that the said ffelix dyd buye the wares of the said oxonbridge

S.C.R. STC 20084, ent. to J. O. 25 Oct. 94, to F. N. 1 Sept. oo

25 Iunij (*Wednesday*) 1600·

Ad peticõem Io. Rodwell/ yt is ordered that Catechism[9] schole Pauline and any addition to yt shall be staied & not entred for any man till further order be taken for it/ 42· Rïe STC 18249 J. R., free. 7 Apr. 00

/.28[uo]· Iunij/ Saturday

pñt· m[r] Cawood m[r] m[r] man m[r] windet m[r] harison } w[r]dens
m[r] Bisshop m[r] Coldock m[r] newbery
m[r] Binge m[r] Dawson m[r] ponsonby m[r] norton

yt is agreed by A full Court of Assistentę holden this day. That yf m[r] Barker w[th]in vj monethes next pay the xx[li] that hathe ben sett vppon hym for his dispensation from neuer beinge in election for the yonger Wardenship. That then he shall accordingly be discharged for euer from beinge in election for the vnderwardenship, And shall the next yere be capable to be in election for the elder wardenship. Provyded that if he pay not the seid xx[li] within the seid vj monethes next the same beinge demaunded of him· That then he shalbe subiect to be in election for the yonger wardenship the said next yere Any former Act order or matter form'ly sett downe to the contrary notw[th]standinge./ see pp. 66–7

primo Iulij Tuesday

pñt m[r] Bysshop m[r] m[r] Dawson warden. m[r] windet warden·
m[r] harison sen' m[r] newbery m[r] Cawood m[r] Binge m[r] man
m[r] Ponsonby m[r] norton m[r] Barker ⟨m⟩[r] waterson ⟨m⟩[r] hooper

M[r] Askewe appearinge in A full Court holden this Day and beinge made acquainted w[th] his election this yere to the vnder Wardenship, and w[th] the ordõnance touchinge the refusall thereof After conference by hym had w[th] the said Court touching the same, he resolutely refuseth to serve the same place this tyme: And agreeth to paie the v[li] lymited by thordõnance for his said Refusall· The whiche v[li] he promiseth to pay at Michaelmas next

RC·

(*later addition*) This sõme of v[li]. was accordingly payd by m[r] Askewe: 2i octobr' in this yere And at his request An acquitance was gyven to him for the same as Receaued accordinge to this order, by m[r] Dawson and m[r] white wardens vnder their handę see Reg. B 398[a]

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M[r] Bysshop m[r] m[r] Dawson m[r] white } wardens 3 Iulij Thursday

1600· 42· Rĩe

7 Iulij (*Monday*)

pñt mr Bysshop mr
mr man } wrdens
mr white }
mr harison
mr newbie
mr Cawood
mr Binge
mr Ponsonby·
Ric'. Collins·

wid. of Jo. D. Danter

Wydowe Vppon her peticõn, toward the relief of her and her children, there is graunted vnto her by a full Court of Assistentę holden this daye, Twentye Shillingę A yere· fromhensforth to be payd vnto her as A pencõn, by ffyve shillingę A quarter by the Wardens out of the poores Accoumpt·

Item there is gyven vnto her presently in hand ffyve shillingę· And yet not withstandinge Shee to Receaue vs at Michas next for the first qrter.

cf. Reg. B 487b

Mr Lodyham Armorer

At the request of mr lodyham the armorer to the Company: his yerely wagę beinge xxs before, ys nowe augmented, and made xxvjs viijd to be [pd] by vjs viijd a quarter/

Monday

4to Augusti

cf. p. 71 apprs. later put to serve him, 16 Apr. 04, 6 Aug. 04 J. P. (not traced but cf. appr. 16 Apr. 04)

Io· Symons

Iohn Symons beinge complayned of for kepinge moo prentises then he ought to doo by thorder of the lord maiors Court· hath here promised to Conforme hym self therein before michas next And by that tyme to putt out of his service Iohn pytton, And also he is inioyned by vertue of the seid order not to bring vp his kinsman to his trade who is now wth him

Monday

11 Augusti

R. W. appr. to J. Smith 1 Sept. 00 (24 June)

Ro· Bolton/

Robt [Bolton] [*warninge*] hath warninge to put awaie Robt wilson betwene this & the next Court day bycause he hath him aboue his nũber of Apprˀ that he is to kepe by thorder.

Fol. 476b

Monday

.11· Augusti

appr. to J. T. 5 Feb. 99, trs. to E. A. 20 Apr. 01, free. 31 Mar. 06

Edwrd Aldee

yt is ordered that Edward aldee shall Pay .vs. for a fine for acceptinge Robert Rawoorthe to be putt ouer to him from mr Tisdale/ Contrary to the orders and decrees/ And the said fine beinge payd/ The said Edward to haue the said Apprˀ putt ouˀ to him in this Companye payinge the duties thereof.

see Reg. B 398b

This is all payd accordinglye viz. vijs vjd

(not traced)

Wiłłm. Stepheñson pro collectore·

wm Steveñson hath paid xxd to thandę of mr white warden for the renters accoumpt wch is all his arrˀ of qrterages due vntill & at Mydsomer last, by him

(*in margin*) solutˀ ad manus collectorˀ.

7 Septembr' (*Sunday*) ·1600·

M^r. Hooke· m^r Hooke declareth vnto A Court holden this day: that he Receaved from m^r Eldridge A m'chant xij^{li} booke of psalters & psalmes printed At Myddlebourgh by Ric' Skilders. Whereof m^r Eldridge Receaued ix. back againe bound· and thother iij are brought to the hall/ 42· Rīe Mr. E. (not traced) R. S., cf. p. 8

henry hooke

M^r Shorte M^r. Burbie The matters in controu'sie betwene m^r Shorte and m^r Burbie Are by their consente submitted to the Award and determinacõn of m^r ffeilde and m^r woolf prynters· They to ende the seid matters before the next quarter day. But yf they make not an ende thereof within that tyme, Then they to Reporte their doinge therein, and the state of the cause to the M^r. Wardens & Assistente of this Companie at the seid next quarter daye/

.6· oct' Monday

⟨W⟩ydowe duffeild Graunted to wydowe duffeild iij^s iiij^d presently And henceforward iij^s iiij^d A quarter toward her Relief ? wid. of Th. D.

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29 oct' Wednesday

pñt The M^r & Wardens m^r harison m^r Coldok m^r Cawood m^r newberye m^r Binge m^r mān m^r ponsonby m^r windet.

humfrey lownes Ioseph hunt Vppon the hearinge of the matter in controu'sye betwene the seid pties w^ch they haue submitted to thorder of this Court. yt is ordered that the seid Ioseph w^thin ffyve daies next shall pay or pcure to be payd to the seid humfrey· xxj^s· And vpon the Receipt thereof the seid humfrey shall deliu' to the seid Ioseph or the ptie that shall paie the seid sõme the book of martyrs w^che the seid humfrey by his servant Receaued from Ric' lether· And vppõn paym^t of the seid sõme the seid humfrey shall Relinquishe his bergayne to the seid Ioseph in the sayd booke of Martyrs and hollinsheade Cronicles pretended to Be Bought of the seid Ric' leather cf. STC 11222 ff. (not traced) cf. STC 13568 ff.

booke to be burnt yt is ordered that the next Court day/ twoo booke lately printed thone called the letting of humors blood in the head vayne· thother A mery metinge or tis mery when knaues mete shalbe publiquely burnt the whole Impressions of them for that they conteyne matters vnfytt to be published/. They to be burnt in the hall kytchen w^th other popishe booke & thinge that were lately taken· And also m^r Darrell book lately printed concerning the casting out of Deville/ *L.H.B.* STC 21393 (1600, ent. 16 Oct.), cf. 21394–7 (1603–13), and Reg. B 398^b (1601) | *M.M.* ent. 2 Sept. 00 P.b. (not traced) *C.O.D.*, ? STC 6288 (ent. dbt.)

3 novembr' Monday

m^r darcy yt is ordered that m^r darcie vppon the shewinge of his lres p^te the next Court day shall haue entred as m^r bowes had the ij sutes of moulde for playing carde w^ch were entred to m^r Bowes xj octobr' 1588 i.e. Edw. D'Arcy see p. 29 error for 18 Oct.

1600 3 ffebr' (*1600/1, Tuesday, after next entry*)

43 Rie Inter willm̃ Aspley· Cutb. Burby Io fflasket ffor thendinge of the controu'sie betwene [them] touchinge the booke of the duche voiage into thindies 1588· yt is ordered that m^r^ Burby and m^r^ fflasket shall gyve to w^m^ Aspley A quarterne of their booke that they haue printed of the seid Voyage· And so they to enioye their copye w^th^out clayme of w^m^ Aspley And he neuer to medle w^th^ the printinge of the seid booke of the seid voiag or any of thẽ/

? STC 18417
? error for 1598
i.e. twenty-five

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Thursday

20 Novembr' (*1600*)

Pnte m' Byshop/ m' Dawson m' white } wardens m' harrison/ senior m' Coldocke m' newbery m' Binge Richard Collins

in re *Arcadia*, STC 22542, cf. pp. 82, 83, 87

Whereas the cause dependinge in her ma^ties^ hon'able Cou'te of Star Chamb̃ betwene willm̃ Ponsonby pl̃t against Io Legatt printer for y^e^ vniu'sitie of Cambridge willm̃ Scarlett Iohn harryson, Ric' Bankworth and Iohn fflaskett, was referred by the said Courte, to m' Roger Wilbraham Esquire m' of Requestꝭ & m' Iohn Crooke Esquire Recorder [*of the Citye*] of London who haveinge Called the p̃ties before them, and heard y^e^ cause Debated by theire Learned Counsell, and findeinge the Thre Laste Defendtꝭ to bee Dwellers in London and free of this Company, haue referred soe muche of y^e^ said bill as only conc'neth theis Thre Laste named defendtꝭ to be heard and ended by the maister and wardens of this Companie And whereas y^e^ said m' & wardens haveinge confered w^t^ theire Assistentꝭ therein haue Called y^e^ pl̃t w^t^ y^e^ said three Defendtꝭ before them sundry tymes aboute y^e^ same cause And att theire firste meetinge found them all contented, to stand to theire order therein, But at theire second meetinge the said Iohn harrison absented himselfe & appeared not notw^th^standinge he had reasonable warninge thereto, and att y^e^ Third meetinge he vtterlye refused to stand to theire order in y^e^ cause & w^th^drue himselfe, soe as they could neither heare nor end y^e^ cause betwene y^e^ pl̃t & him Wherevppon y^e^ said m^r^ wardens & Assistentꝭ vppon conference had w^t^ y^e^ pl̃t and the said Richard Bankworth & Iohn fflaskett, findeinge them contente for theire p̃tꝭ to stand to the order of y^e^ said m' wardens & Assistentꝭ touchinge y^e^ p'misses haue therefore proceeded to heare and end y^e^ said cause betwene them and haveinge heard y^e^ same, and fyndeinge [by] y^e^ seu'all confessions of y^e^ said Richard Bankworthe and Iohn fflaskett y^t^ they haue boughte c'taine of y^e^ bookes mencõned in y^e^ said bill, vid̃ y^e^ said Richard Bankworth eightene of y^e^ said Scarlett & y^e^ said Iohn fflaskett 25tie of the said harrison, whereby they haue on theire p̃tꝭ in y^e^ Iudgemente of the said m' wardens & Assistentꝭ wronged y^e^ pl̃t & broken y^e^ decree of y^e^ said hon'able Courte/ Yt is therefore ordered by y^e^ said m' wardens & assistentꝭ y^t^ y^e^ said Ric Bankworth & Iohn fflaskett, for a full end of y^e^ said sute & controu'sie forasmuche as conc'neth only them Twoo shall p̃te & p̃te lyke betwene them paie or cause to be paid To y^e^ said willm̃ Ponsonby toward his damñags and charges herein, The sõme of [*vj^li^* (*?*)] [v^li^] of Lawfull Englishe money, vid̃ xx^s^ thereof presently And ffouretie shillings more

see p. 83

i.e. J. H. the younger, see p. 82

thereof on y^e xxv^th Daie of December nexte and fortie shillinges more thereof on y^e xxv^th Daie of m'che next/ 1600· 43· Rĩe.

(*in margin*) 2° Aprił 1601 m^r fflasket hath paid his p̄te viz L^s· Acknoledged in Court by m^r Ponsonby Teste Ri: Collins

9. febr' (*1600/1*) Monday

Io: Bettie Paid by Iohn Bettie for the renters accoumpt. iiij^s to be for his arr' of quarterage to this Companie—iiij^s. fined for appr. this day, Reg. B 398^b

(*in margin*) deliu'ed to m^r Waterson 6 maij

2 marcij Monday

m^r Allen/ yt is ordered that the first moñey of m^r nortons bequest that shall first cõme in shalbe lent to m^r Allen vppon good sureties to be putt in accordinge to the Testato^rs will cf. p. 60

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2 m'cij Monday

Moñey· The Court holden this day hathe ordered that the wardens shall lay out the v^li for Brydewell & the iij^li for bolters charg̈e about the presse in Staffordshire, Whiche they shalbe answerd agayne at the renters accoumpt· either out of that accoumpt, or by assessem^t yf thaccoumpt will not suffice to yt (not traced)

See Henry Owen Dictionary.

m^r Bradock fine/ yt is ordered that m^r Braddock shall putt away George (*blank*) whome he hathe Retayned aboue halfe A yere contrary to order And that he shall pay x^s for A fyne accordinge to thordõnance in that behalf for breakinge of order in kepinge the seid George so long tyme· W^ch fine he p̄miseth to pay the next Court day. And also p̄miseth to put away the seid [*App'*] [George] accordingly/ ? G. Purslowe appr. 18 Jan. 02 see below

(*in margin*) Paid· 7· Sept' 1601· 43 Rĩe Reg. B 399^a

2 Iulij (*1601*) Thursday

Io. Browne Ric' Oliffe yt is ordered that one of the Renters w^th the bedell or Iohn Oswold shall demaund of Iohn Browne and Ric' Oliff their fines of ij^s vj^d A pece sett vpon them by form' order of the Company· And yf they refuse to pay· That then they shalbe cõmitted to ward by the bedell or oswald J. Hardy, Beadle J. O., Porter J. B., Reg. B 398^b R. O., Reg. B 399^a (1 Mar. 02) fines for *Letting of Humour's Blood*

m^r newb̄ie m^r
m^r Barker
m^r Seton } w^rdens

3 Augusti (*after next entry?*) Monday

m^r Bradocke fine fforasmuche as he hath not p̄formed the order sett downe 2 m'cij vlt' yt is ordered that he shall pay v^s moore for a fine ou' and beside the former fine of x^s/ And bothe these fines to be paid betwene this and the next Court Daye see above

(*in margin*) p^d. 7· Sept'· 1601 42 (*sic*) Rĩe 15^s Accordingly R⟨C⟩ Reg. B 399^a

43° Rĩe pñte. mr Newbery mr Barker mr Seton } wardens — mr Byshop mr Coledocke mr Cawood — mr Binge mr mann Ric'. Collins

see p. 80 Mr Iohn Harrison the yonger beinge present submitted himself to stand to the order of the said mr wardens and Assistentę touchinge the Cause betwene him and mr Ponsonby: referred hither by mr wilbraham/ mr of Requestę/ And mr Croke Recorder/· Also he confesseth he had vc of the bookes of Arcadia printed in Scotland or elswhere by Walgraue

mr Ponsonby beinge present also submitteth himself to stand to thorder of the said mr wardens and Assistentę touchinge the said Cause

(*in margin*) While the Cause was in Debatinge: mr Ponsonby and mr Harrison were in the outer ꝑlour

Fol. 478b mr Ponsonby / mr Harrison Iun' — Wherevppon after the Deliƀat hearinge of the said Cause betwene the said mr· Ponsonby & mr Harrison yt ys ordered by the said mr wardens and Assistentę· That the said mr Harrison shall paye to mr Ponsonby toward his Charges and Damages the sõme of Tenne poundę of laufull money of England for the full endinge of the said Cause onely betwene them Twoo: The said sõme to be paid in forme followinge viž· in the feast of St Michaeł tharchangeł next ffortye shillinges/ And from thensforth quarterly xls vntił the said sõme of xli be payd And the said mr Ponsonby to prosecute no further sute herein against mr Harrison yf he ꝑforme the said payementę./.

Monday — 5 oct'

ent. 1 Oct. 01 mr Io norton — Whereas he hath procured an entrance of piscator in genesim/ yt is ordered that he shall haue no Right by the same entrance vnless he will ꝑforme thordõnance touchinge such kynd of forayne copyes/ But shall forbeare to print the same for that the said entrance is contrary to order/

? wid. of Fr. A. m'garet Adams· — yt is ordered that by the discretion of A Court of Assistentę shee shalbe preferred to haue the next pencion that shall fall void yf the same Court find it so convenient

STC 15281, see ent. 6 Dec. 94 Vał Syms — yt is ordered that he shall not hereafter print mr Latym's sermons: Item that he shall bringe A true accoumpt of the whole Impression that he did print thereof What the vjd in the ti did cõme vnto And that he shall paie the same duly for the poore· Itm̃ that he shall bring in to the wardens, STC 6798 what warrant he can shewe, for the printinge of the Stannery Lawes

All this to be ꝑformed the next [*quarter*] [Court] Day/

Sunday — 11· oct'

mr Bysshop. — Yt is agreed that he shall pay xxs A yere for the old chappell wch he occupieth in the hall. The same xxs. to be paid by vs A quarter from Michaelmas Last forwardę. — xxs ꝑ Annũ

19 oct' (*Monday*)

Edw aldee
Book of grace
w^th y^e A.B.C·

Edw^rd aldee appearinge this day before the m^r Wardens and Assistentę is inioyned by them to desist henceforth from printinge the book of graces w^th the .ABC· contrary to her ma^tę p'uilege & letters patentę graunted to Ric' day which were here shewed vnto him

cf. STC 18 ff.

19 oct'

Monday

Edward venge

he appearinge this day before the m^r Wardens & Assistentę is inioyned by them to desist henceforthe from printinge the pathway to learne to wryte [*to*] & Read Wrytten hand: with the ·A· B· C·: contrary to her ma^tę p'uilege & lr̃es p^tę graunted to Ric' Daye w^che were here shewed vnto him/

see p. 75

pten's in m^r Seres p'uilege
m^r Short
m^r Leeke

Yt is agreed betwene the pten's in m^r Seres p'uilege and m^r Short and m^r Leake, That vntill thend of Tho: Scarlettę p'uilege they [viz] (m^r Short & m^r leake) shall Receave [*from*] for m^r Seres ãnuytie Lv^li p Annũ, And after thend of the said Scarlettę p'uilege Lx^li p Annũ duringe m^r Seres p'uilege yf m^r Seres so long lyve & enioy yt/

cf. p. 76

m^r Bankw^rth

A draught of A certificat concernyng m^r Bankworths refusall to pforme thorder betwene m^r ponsonby & hym was Redd at this Court· And lyked of by the Court And ordered to be wrytten forth and signed by the m^r & wardens and so sent to the m^r of Request & m^r Recorder

see p. 80

29 oct'

Thursday

The m^r and wardens
m^r Bisshop
m^r Coldok
m^r Binge
m^r man
m^r Dawson

callinge to them any ij or iij of the company to consider of sõme articles for the good of the company and to relate their doingę to the company

see appointment of committees of 4, 3 March 1600 for promoting Acts of Parliament for the good of the Company

2 oct' (*? Nov.*)

(Monday)

Wa. hawes

At a court holden this day, in consideracõn of the distressed estat of Walter hawes beinge a poore woorkman & havinge infirmities that hinder him from his woork: yt is ordered that he shall haue a servant so soone as any can be found for hym in the companye. The w^che servant shall woork for the relief & benefit of the said Walter so long as he shall not woork & take wagę him self

free. 12 Apr. 91
cf. p. 85

Rob̃t Baynes hath p̃mised to pay all his arrerage and quarterage due vntill and at xp̃istm^as next· And to bringe yt by Christm^as next/

free. 6 Oct. 84
cf. p. 55

1601· 7· decembr̃ (*Monday*)

44 Rĩe mr dexter Where there hathe bene controu'sie betwixt Robert Dexter and
Fol. 479b mr Bradock Richard Bradock station's touchinge certen covenantę for woork-
manship of diu'se scholebookę, the titles whereof are exprssed
in ij Cedules ãnexed to ye seid couenantę: In so muche that there hathe ben sute
cõmenced in Lawe betwixt the seid ꝑties. Whereuppon yt was Agreed that all
quarrelę and sutę in Lawe should from thenceforth surcease & ende And that
the causes in controu'sie, by consent of bothe ꝑties should be heard & deter-
mined betwene George Bysshop then mr of the Companie and Thomas Dawson
then one of the Wardens of the seid companie Thereuppon the said Geo:
Bysshop and Tho Dawson haue ordered And hereby doo Inioyne order and
Award the said ꝑties to be lovers & freindę as heretofore they haue ben· And
that the Workmanship of the imprintinge of the aforeseid bookę shalbe done
by the seid Ric' Bradock accordinge vnto the Indentures of couenantę bearing
date the 19 of [*m'che*] [Julie] A° 40· Rĩe And yf it shall happen any cause or
controu'sie touchinge any the premisses to arise concerninge woorkmanship
or any other thinge· That then the same shalbe referred vnto the hearinge
& Determininge of the mr, & wardens of the said Companie of Station's. for the
tyme beinge· Any thinge to the contrary notwthstandinge.

Monday 7 decembr' 1601 44 Rĩe

The order Abouesaid was redd vnto a Court of Assistentę holden this day. and
after Consideracõn had of the contents thereof The same Order was Con-
firmed by the said Court to stand in force onely so longe tyme as the said
Roꝺt Dexter shall haue Laufull right to the bookę abouesaid·/

Assented vnto } *Robert Dexter*
by ye ꝑties Viz̃ } *Richard Bradocke*

Wednesday ·13 Ianuar' (*1601/2*)

Wardmot enquest Rędfor lettinge the hall to the Wardmot inquest—xxs

1601 44 Rie (*? same day*)

assistentę· Mr Symon Waterson. mr humfrey hoop and [mr. Io: Norton]
[*mr humfrey hoop*] are chosen by A full Court holden this day
beinge quarter Day. to be of Thassistentę of this Company And thordõnance
Red vnto them concerning thattendance in that place

Fol. 480a

Monday 18 Ianuarij

free. 20 May 90 Tho· Bedle/ yt is ordered That Tho Bedle shall haue the Sixe poundę of
see p. 60 mr nortons money that is nowe to cõme in·/ duringe the tyme
of mr Nortons bequest· So that the wardens like of his sureties·

see p. 74 Io hardy. yt is ordered that he shall haue one of the ffyve poundę that are
see p. 57 nowe to be putt forthe of the mõney of mr Stuckeies bequest:
Contenting the wardens wth securytie/

vlt' Ianuarij (*Sunday*) 1601/2·

Ric' Tõmes / Ric' Taylor — Vppon the hearinge of the controu'sie betwixt Ric' Toñes and Richard Taylor yt is by their assentꝫ ordered and agreed· That the said Ric' Taylor in full satisfaccõn of all demaundꝫ shall pay vnto the said Ric' Toñes fforty shillingꝫ· Viz̃ xx^{s} at the feast of thãnũtiacõn of o^{r} lady next· And other xx^{s} in the feast of St Michaell tharchangell next

Richard Toñes
Richard Tayler

(*in margin*) The whiche xl^{s} is paid ·12 Aprił 1602 44 Rie *Richard Tomes*

44· Rĩe

Symon Stafford / Edm' ffranckꝫ — [Yt is ordered] ffor ending of all demaundꝫ and controu'sies betwene the said pties· That the said Symon Stafford shall pay vnto Edm' ffrank ·vj^{s} viij^{d} by viij^{d} A week· The first to begyn on Satterday cõme sevennight· And to be demaunded at Symon Staffordꝫ house

Simon Stafford.
Edmond ffrancke

E. F. free. (brother) 7 Sept. 01 i.e. 13 Feb.

1 m'cij — Monday

m^{r} Waterson / Tho pavyer / Io hardy — Yt is ordered that m^{r} waterson shall pay x^{s} vnto Tho pavier for his clayme to the Irish newes And that Io hardy shall stand discharged from Tho pavier of the x^{s} w^{ch} the seid Tho pavier delyu'ed to hym to ꝑcure the Aucthorisinge of the said copie

ent. to P. & H. 22 Jan. 02, cf. STC 7434

Wydoe haies — Gyven to wydowe haies—v^{s}

? wid. of Tho.? Hawes see Index

Balladꝫ/ — yt is ordered that all that betwene this and [the] next court day bringe not in their balladꝫ to be entred accordinge to order. shall lose the same/ And that the seid balladꝫ shalbe disposed accordinge to the discretion of the m^{r} Wardens & Assistentꝫ

houses at Belins gate — yt is ordered that the m^{r} & wardens shall take vj w^{the} them and viewe the howses at Som's kaie

Synckꝫ — yt is ordred that the Synck shalbe emptied at the chargꝫ of the Companye

26 m'cij — Friday

m^{r} Iohn norton· — m^{r} Iohn norton was chosen renter for this next yere. And fyned at x^{li}· for that his request was rather to pay a fine at the discretion of the Court then to serue the place·

Fol. 480^{b} see Reg. B 399^{a}

m^{r} Seton / Elizabeth hawes/ — yt is ordered that Elizabeth hawes shall haue an Apprent', viz̃ anthony Thomson who shalbe bound prent' to m^{r} Seton for Eight yeres from this Lady day 1602· But he shall serue wth Elizabeth hawes so longe as she shall Contynue A wydowe or marrye one of the cumpany capable for hym

wid. of Wa. H., cf. p. 83 A. T. appr. this day (cf. apprs. 1 Oct. 04, 3 Dec. 04)

m^{r} Robertꝫ — Also m^{r} Robertꝫ was chosen renter this day and fyned at v^{li} for not servinge yt.

see Reg. B 399^{a} (19 Apr.)

1602· 44 Rĩe — mr Keyle — Lykewise mr Keyle was chozen renter and fyned at iiij^{li} for not servinge yt

John K. free. 13 Jan. 78, and see Reg. B 399a (19 Apr.) — mr Braddok· — mr Braddok was chozen renter And hath taken vpon him to serue the place·/

Monday — 19 aprił

A full Court of assistentę holden this Day beinge quarter day

Mel· Bradwood — Melchisedeck Bradwood by order of this Court is graunted to supplie the place of Edmond Bolyfant in suche sort as the said Bolyfant did at his deceas — i.e. in Eliot's Court press

appr. 1563–4 (24 June) — Ric' Man· — There is graunted by this Court to Ric' Man ij^{s} a quarter viž viij^{s} a yere the first paym^{t} to begin at midsom' next·

? wid. of Hen. B. — Alice Bamford — The[re] [*like*] is graunted to Alice Bamford ij^{s} vj^{d} a quarter viž x^{s} a yere.

These to be entred in the renters book

R$ę^{d}$ for xl^{tie}· reames of wast pap$ę$ at xxj^{d} the reame—iij^{li} x^{s}·

Monday — 3 maij

A Viewe at Salutacõn Allaie — mr Binge, mr man, mr Ponsonby, mr waterson, or any iij of them — to take a bricklayer [*or*] and a carpinter at their own choyse And to viewe the house at salutacõn alley And to note and sett downe in wrytinge the defectę and decaies that be in the same And to gyve the ten^{a}nt warninge to Repaire yt wthin 6 monethes accordinge to his leas

Monday — 7 Iunij (*for May? or else entered later*)

⟨ r⟩Iohn n⟨or⟩ton — yt is ordered that the bookę in controu'sie betwene the said pties shalbe brought by mr norton into the hall· and be at the ordering of the mr· Wardens. and Assistentę: And the said pties agree to stand to their order (*this entry is crossed off*)

The bookę at their coñing ouer to Remaine wth mr norton: And he to informe the Company of them And to distract nõne in the meane space/

Fol. 481a — (*Memorandum of earlier date*)

mr Seres mr, mr Goneld, mr watkins — wardens — bookę called in by order frõ the cõmissioners

Monday — xiij^{o} die Augusti 1576·

see Reg. A 222b cf. STC 21105 (1584) — Receyued into the hall by appointment of the ·Q· M· Cõmissioners of Richard Iones. 225· bookę intituled A handfull of Delightę·

(*in margin*) Redeliu'ed theis bookę about the xth of Iune 1577·

Item receyued into the hall of· R Smithe half a hundred of Gascoignes poesies [1602· 44· Rīe.]

Item Receyued into the hall of henry Kyrkham· 200· restorities to loue: *G.P.* STC 11636 *R.L.* (not traced)
(*in margin*) Redd theise booke about the x^th^ of Iune 1577·

1602· 44· Rīe. (*Court Minutes resumed*)

m^r^ newbie m^r^·
m^r^ Barker } wardens
m^r^ Seton }

By order of Court the Rowmes letten to m^r^· newsam were viewed by m^r^ ponsonby m^r^ white and m^r^ Iohn norton. Richard Collins beinge also present.

And the same by the said viewe are found to be as foloweth. videlicet. cf. p. 94

One chamber openinge Estward lyinge ouer the great plour of the hall
An entry and buttry at the west ende of the same chamber
One chamber openinge southw^rd^ and westward into m^r^ Deane of Paules garden Lyinge ou' the little plour of the hall
In yche chamber is a chymney. And in the Est chamber a glasse wyndowe w^th^ ij clere storyes And in the west chamber ij glasse windowes and A coumpting house
And betwene the ij chambers are the entry and buttry pted and devided
Twoo garrete ou' the said ij chambers· beinge nowe devided into iij ptes. one Estward. one toward m^r^ deanes garden and one betwene them bothe

The measure of these Rowmes is sett downe in this booke pagina 486/ i.e. Reg. B 486^a^

(*Here a page is left blank.*) Fol. 481^b^

Fol. 482^a^
Saturday
Die Sabbati 8 maij (*1602*)

ptē m^r^ Newberye m^r^		m^r^ Byshop	m^r^ whyte
m^r^ Barker } w^r^dens		m^r^ Binge	m^r^ Io: Norton
m^r^ Seton }		m^r^ Man	Ric' Collins
m^r^ Harrison sen'			m^r^ Waterson

Inter Willm̄ Ponsonbie ex vna pte Et Iohem̄ Legatt ex altera pte/ see p. 80

The said pties yeild themselues & agree to stand to thorder and determinacōn of the m^r^ wardens & assistente wrytten in the m'gent for the controu'sies & matters Dependinge in the Courte of Starre chamber betwene the said w^m^ Ponsonbie pt and the said Io: Legatt & others Defte and for all other sutes betwene them or any of them/ M^r^ Legatt vndertaketh Aswell for himself as for his Man that hathe an Accōn againste m' Ponsonbie: Viz' that his man shall stand to thorder of y^e^ M^r^ wardens & Assistente aforesaid for that Accōn And m^r^ Ponsonbye lykewyse vndertaketh for his pte/ i.e. as above i.e. Wm Scarlet

Vppon the hearinge of the causes & controu'sies aforesaid yt appeareth that m^r^ Legatt in Dealinge w^th^ the sale of the bookes of Arcadia prynted in foraine STC 22542

1602. Dm̃ons & brought into England Hathe hindred the said w^m Ponsonbie (whose
44^to^ Rĩe Copye yt is) and Doñe againste the Decrees of the Courte of starchamber and
ent. 23 Aug. 88 contrarye to thordinances of the Companie of Stac', w^che^ m^r^ Legatt ought to
free. 11 Apr. 86 obserue beinge A freman of the said Companie, And yt is ordered & Determined by the said m^r^ wardens & Assistentę that m^r^ Legatt shaĦ presentlie paye to m^r^ Ponsonbie toward his Charges & Damñages iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^, And that vppon payment thereof m^r^ Legattę Eightene bookes w^che^ were seysed in Scarlettę handes and remaininge in the haĦ shalbe redelyu'ed vnto [*the said*] m^r^ Legatt/ And that aĦ sutes Dependinge in the said Courte of Starchamber or at the Comõn Lawe betwene the sayde w^m^ Ponsonbie and Io: Legatt and betwene the said Scarlet & m^r^ Ponsonbie and the matters and causes thereof shaĦ cease and be no further prosecuted, And the Accõns at the Comõn lawe to be Discontynued or W^thdrawen

Monday .28· Iunij A^o^ supradc̃

m^r^ Braddock. Griff' Vaughan
free. 4 Nov. 94 Yt is ordered that m^r^ Braddock shall sett Griffithe Vaughan on woork: And that yf he fynd any fault with his woorkmanship He shewe yt to the M^r^· & Wardens to be Iudged by them/

Fol. 482b M^r^ Newbie m^r^
m^r^ Barker } wardens
m^r^ Seton } pñtibus Assisteñ
Quarterday

Monday 28 Iunij

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M^r^· Burbie M^r^· Dexter
cf. STC 5711 (1596), ent. to R. Jackson and R. Dexter 18 Dec. 96, trs. R. J. to C. Burby 27 Apr. 02
Vppon the hearinge of the matter in controu'sie betwene m^r^ Burbie and m^r^ Dexter touchinge A booke called the English Scholem^r^. whereof m^r^ Burbie hath nowe printed an Impression of v^C^ as he confesseth· And m^r^ Dexter hathe printed another impression of xv^C^ at this present/ And vppon the submission & promise of the said ptyes to stand to thorder of the m^r^ wardens and Assistentę here assembled at this Court.

Yt is found that m^r^ Burbie hathe broken thordoñances of the company in printinge the said booke w^thout Alowance in this howse

Lykewise that m^r^ dexter hath broken the said ordoñancę in printinge the same booke w^thout Lyke alowance

And yt is ordered that m^r^ Dexter shall delyu' vnto m^r^ Burbye so many of his said bookę as will make m^r^ Burbies said ympression equall with his

And all chargę aswell to the Aucthor as otherwise to be equally borne betwene them pte and pte like

And that the said copie shalbe equally to them bothe pte and ptelyke at all Impressions hereafter

And yt is further ordered that at all Imp^r^ssions thereof hereafter they shall leave out of the same book the psalmes that are nowe printed w^th^ yt

see Reg. B 399^a^ Also yt is ordered that m^r^ Burbie shall pay xx^s^ for A fine· for breakinge thordonancę as aboue appereth

see Reg. B 399^a^ And that m^r^ Dexter shall paie iij^s^ iiij^d^ for A fine for his breache thereof as is aboue exp'ssed

5 Iulij (*Monday*) ·1602·

R^{d} of m^{r} Grigg^{e} for his gratuity for his leas — xl^{s}. 44to Rie

Item R^{d} of m^{r} Cole made free this yere by redempcõn· A cup of silu^{r} gilt weying by estimacõn about 6 ounc^{e} & estemed to be wth ij^{li}· see below Geo. C. free. 17 May 02 (by marriage)

m^{r}. newbie m^{r}
m^{r}· Barker } w^{r}dens
m^{r}· Seton } for 1601–2

Fol. 483^{a}

:5to: Iulij Monday

At a courte houlden the same Daye yt is agreed by the m^{r} wardens & Assistent^{e} that Thomas Grigges barbour surgion shall haue and holde from the feaste of thannũciacõ^{u}n of our Ladye laste paste for one yere and so from yere to yere at the will of the said m^{r} & wardens for the tyme beinge One little Rowme in the Celler of the house late in thoccupacõ^{u}n of Iohn Newsam and nowe in thoccupacõ^{u}n of the said Thomas Grigges adioyninge next to the stayre foote of the stacõ^{u}ners hall conteyninge in bredith iij foote & viij ynches and in length iij foote and viij ynches to paye for the same an yerelie rent of xviij^{d} at Michaelmas yerelie as the said Iohn Newsam paid for the same as appeareth in the hall booke 4to Nouembr^{r} 36 Rĩe Eliz^{r} (not traced) see p. 50 i.e. p. 50

Tho Grigg

Fol. 483^{b}

(*Memorandum of earlier date, c. 1577 ?*)

A Copie of the bill of Rates of Corne for the Cyttie cf. p. 30

030	Dyers att	35 the qr	52^{li}	10^{s}	0
060	Brewers att	35 the qr	105	00	0
060	Leathersellers att	35 the qr	105	00	0
018	Pewterers att	35 the qr	031	10	0
044	Cutlers att	35 the qr	024	10	0
036	Whitebakers att	35 the qr	063	00	0
006	Waxechaundlers att	35 the qr	010	10	0
024	Tallowchaundlors att	35 the qr	042	00	0
003	Armorers att	35 the qr	005	5	0
021	Girdlers att	35 the qr	36	15	0
009	Butchers att	35 the qr	015	15	0
027	Sadlers att	35 the qr	047	05	0
015	Carpinters att	35 the qr	006	05	0
021	Cordweyners att	35 the qr	036	15	0
015	Barboursurgeons att	35 the qr	026	05	0
003	Painter steyno^{rs} att	35 the qr	003	05	0
003	Curryors att	35 the qr	005	05	0
008	Masons att	35 the qr	004	0	0

[1602· 006 Plumbers att.....35 the qr..... 10 10 0
44 Rĩe] 015 Inholders att.....35 the qr.....026 03 0
04½ ffownders att.....35 the qr.....007 17 6
006 Powlters att.....35 the qr.....010 10 0
015 Cookes att.....35 the qr.....026 05 0
026 Cowpers att.....35 the qr.....036 15 0
006 Tylers & bricklayers att 35 the qr.....010 10 0
01½ Bowyers att.....35 the qr.....002 12 6
01½ ffletchers att.....35 the qr.....002 12 6
005 Blacksmithes att.....35 the qr.....008 15 0
012½ Ioyners att.....35 the qr.....021 17 6
008 Weavers att.....35 the qr.....014 0 0
01½ Wolmen att.....35 the qr.....002 12 6
006 Woodmongers att.....35 the qr.....010 10 0
021 Scryveners att.....35 the qr..... 36 15 0
005 ffruterers att.....35 the qr.....008 15 0
003 Plasterers att.....35 the qr.....005 05 0
009 Browne bakers att.....35 the qr.....015 5 0
Fol. 484a 030 Stacioners att.....35 the qr.....052 01 0
010 Ymbroderers att.....35 the qr.....017 10 0
03½ Vpholsters att.....35 the qr.....006 02 6
01½ Mynistrellę att.....35 the qr.....002 12 6
05½ Turnoʳˢ att.....35 the qr.....007 12 6
02½ Basketmakers att.....35 the qr.....004 7 6
02½ Glasiers att.....35 the qr.....004 7 6
3000 qʳˢ in all att 35 the qr.....5250–00–00

Fol. 484b *(Court Minutes resumed)*

Mʳ Bysshop mʳ
mʳ man } wʳdens
mʳ waterson

Monday 2 Augusti

pñt mʳ Bisshop mʳ
mʳ mañ } wʳdens
mʳ waterson
mʳ Harrison senʾ
mʳ Coldock
mʳ Binge
mʳ Dawson
mʳ ponsonby
mʳ Windett
mʳ white
mʳ Seton

Mʳ Stowe Yt is ordered that mʳ Stowe shall haue iijˡⁱ & xlᵗʾ copies for his
STC 23343 paynes in the booke called the survey of London, And xxˢ & .L·
STC 23329 copies for his paynes in the brief cronicle /

STC 17350 (1606) · Inter·
STC 16911 mʳᵐ. Edw· white et Geo· potter·
Whereas Markhams horsmanship. and Granadoes meditations are this daye ordered to mʳ Edward white to be his prop copies as appereth in an order sett in the mʾgent of the booke of entrance of copies .6· novemb· 1598· 40 Rĩe·
see Reg. B 44a, 85a yt is ordered by this Court that George Potter shall haue vj monethes respit

from this day to sell his booke of Granadoes meditations· And that in the meane tyme m^r white shall not sell any of his booke of the said meditations/ 1602· 44 Rīe

Tho· Crede R^ed of him for Quintus Curti^9 in Englishe to be putt to the poores accoumpt—vj^s STC 6147, see ent. 11 Mar. 00

Io· Stede· yt is ordered by this Court, that vppon my Lord maiors oathe-day at Symon and Iude tyde, next, he shall holde (?) his place in the lyu'ie whereinto he is orderly chozen, and then come decently furnished w^th his lyu'ie gowne & hoode to attend on my Lo: maior amongest the rest of the lyu'ie/ Or els yf he fayle so to doo· That then he shall pay at the same tyme· xl^s for A fine for refusinge the place w^ch in that case is sett vpõn him accordinge to thordõnañce of the companie· free. 9 Dec. 77 i.e. 29 Oct.

6· Sept' Monday

pñt m^r Bisshop m^r
m^r Man
m^r Waterson } W^rdens
m^r harrison sen'
m^r Binge
m^r Dawson
m^r Windett
m^r Ponsonby
m^r Seton
⟨m⟩^r hoop
m^r [Io] Norton

⟩Ledsham ⟩Reu'cõn ⟩the ⟩lerkship. At y^e entreaty of the lord archbisshop of Canterbury his grace & the Lord bishop of London by their seu'all lr̄es directed to the M^r Wardens & Assistente of this Company The next Reu'cõn of the clerkship of this company ys graunted to m^r Edward Ledsham servant to the said Lo: Bishop of London· pvyded alwaies that he shall in the meane space pcure him self to be made A freman of this Company and of the citie And that he be of good behavior and found fitt for y^e place when yt shall fall voyd And shall execute yt him self w^tout makinge any deputacõn or lettinge or setting any thinge thereunto belonginge

(*added later*) M^r Ledsham died before M^r Collins/

Fol. 485^a

17 Sept' Friday

Present and Complayning for them selves and the rest that Ioyne w^th them

m^r linge
m^r hunfr' lownes
m^r Chard
m^r math Lownes
wiłłm holme
Wiłłm Aspley
} Comp^lte

M^r Dexter
m^r Burbye
Clem^t knight
m^r Iagger
m^r fflasket
George Potter
ffelix kingston
} Defte/

After the hearinge and detalinge of the matters in Controu'sie betwene the said seu'all pties and the rest that Ioyne w^th them therein/ Either ptie· viz Aswell the pł as the defte yeild & submitt them selues to stand to thorder of the m^r & Wardens w^th a court of Assistente touchinge the seid controu'sies

1602 25 oct' (*Monday*)

44 Rie (*There is no entry under this date. A new minute book, 'Court Book C', was officially begun on 1 Nov. 1602: the first entry is actually dated 29 Oct., the second 15 Dec. But the present book continued to be used for various miscellaneous entries till the end of the next year.*)

Monday 8 nov.

Hughe Iaxon — Rẹd of hughe Iackson [*of*] for arr' of quarterag to this day —ijs· p mr waterson

Monday · 6· decembr' (*45 Eliz.*)

STC 23456 (per A. Islip) ent. to A. Islip this day — mr dc̃or Sutcliffẹ book adu'sus realẽ pn̄ciam &c' — yt is ordered that mr .d· Sutcliffẹ booke adu'sus realẽ pn̄ciam &c'. vppon thymprintinge thereof, shall by way of embanquemt Remayne in stock to be vented & sold to thuse of the ꝑten's therein. Whose name folowe:

videlicet

Mr Bysshop. mr
Mr man. warden
Mr harrison thelder
Mr Barker
Mr ponsonby
Mr Io. norton
Mr Leake
Mr Burby
Mr Bankworth
mr Edwrd white } j ꝑte betwene
adam Islip } them .ij·

free. 3 Aug. 01 — Edward aldee Iasꝑ ffeild — Vppon the hearinge of the controu'sie betwene the said ꝑties concerning the said Iasꝑ ffeildẹ deꝑtinge disorderly from the woork of the said Edward yt is ordered that the said Iasꝑ shall presently pay to the said Edward viijs

(*in margin*) viijs. solut

free. bef. 7 Dec. 77 — Edw day — Rẹd of mr Edward Day in ꝑte of paymt of his arr' of quarterag̃e— iijs. in custodia waterson

R. F. free. 13 Dec. 56 (Reg. A 2b) Wm. Lamb, 1567 — Agnes ffidlinge late wife of Ric' ffidling — Yt is ordered that toward her relief shee shall haue the next pencion of the companie that falleth voyd and the next place that falleth voyd of mr Lambes gift

Coumpting house Ric' Collins — yt is ordered that Ric' Collins shall vse the Coumpting house in the hall wche he nowe vseth, for the service of the Company during the tyme he is Clerke

i.e. C–B. C — (*in margin*) Verte ad ali⟨um⟩ Librum

Saturday 15 Ianuarij (*1602/3*)

Rẹd of the Wardmote inquest for the hall—xxs/

7 m'cij (*Monday*) 1602/3
45 Rie

Edw^rd Venge p^d to m^r waterson — xvj^d
for quarterag
of Ioseph dea(*?*) — xx[*viij*]^d tow^rd q^rter⟨

(*in margin*) of vincent willmson xij^d paid to m^r waterson as ꝑt of his quarterage free. 12 Aug. 84

(*Memorandum of earlier date*) Fol. 485^b

Anno dñi 1577· Anno· xix^o· Rĩe Elizabethe

m^r Seres m^r
m^r Goneld
m^r Watkins } w^rdens· vij^o die maij Tuesday

Whereas on this pñt Daie an Indenture of leas of the Rowmes mencioned on the next page folowinge was made from this cũpanie to Ihon Pount m'chant-tailler and Elizabeth his wief for· xij· yeres begynninge at mydsomer next and for xl^te yeres commensinge at thend of those Twelue yeres· whiche ffortie yeres are to cease vppon the Deathe of the lenger lyver of the said Ihon & Elizabeth· As by the said Indenture of lease conteyninge diu'se coven^antꝫ articles and agrem^tꝫ moore plainely maie appeare· Be yt remembred that the said Indenture of leas was graunted made sealed and Deliu'ed vnder the cõen seale of the said cũpany by thassent of the m^r wardens assistantꝫ and coĩaltie in due order as it ought to be see p. 94

Wittm Seres
Iames goneld
Richard watkyns.
Iohñ Waley
Ihon Iudson
Ihoñ Daye
wyllyam norton
Iohn haryson
Wyllyam Cooke

(*Later memoranda resumed*)

(*in margin*) .7. m'cij 1602(/3)· 45 Rĩe yt is ordered that Io deane shall presently pay to Io busby xx^s and enioy the goodꝫ of the said Io: Busby w^che are in thandꝫ of the said Io: [*Busbye*] Deane Monday

(*in margin*) Io: oswaldꝫ leas to be pawned to y^e Company for viij^li to be paid in iij yeres next, whereof he hath alredy v^li· and is to receaue xx^s moore· w^th a bond of xl^s w^che he ow^th to the company vppon his own bond & Ric' beckettꝫ w^ch bond is nowe to be cancelled (not traced)

(*in margin*) 13 Aprił Rꝫ^d of m^r Lownes for .i5 bookꝫ of the lepanto &c' — v^s. Wednesday
cf. STC 14379 (pt. ii)

1603· ⟨m⟩r Bing mr
jmo· R ⟨m⟩r Dawson } wardens
Iacobi ⟨mr⟩ hoop

1603. jmo· R Iacobi

Monday

19 Decembr'

see C–B. C 4b The newe patent from the Kinge to the Company of the p'uilege of the psalters. psalms. prymers, Almanacke & other booke. dated 29 octobr' vlt' was openly Redd and published in the hall to A Court of assistente and the pten's &c'

(*in margin*) ⟨ ⟩pd ⟨ ⟩feild

for entry of 16 Apr. 04, see p. 63

(*Memorandum of earlier date*)

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Anno Dñi 1577· Anno xixo Rĩe Elizabethe

mr Seres mr
Monday mr Goneld } wardens. xvto Die Aprilis
mr Watkins

cf. p. 87 Md that the ij Chambers occupied by mr Punt Beinge pcell of the Common hall of the Corporation of Stationars. Were measured at thappointment of the mr and Wardens· by (*blank*) Cobbe citizen and Carpinter of London· And accordinge to the said measure Doo Conteyne as folowithe· Vizt·

The one Chamber openinge Estward and lyenge ou' the great plor of the hall and the entrie & buttrie at the west end of the same Chamb doo conteyne in breadithe from the northe to the Southe xxjtie foote of assise. and in lengithe from the Est to the west xxxij foote and viij ynches of assise.

The other Chamb openinge southwrd and westward into mr deane of Paules his garden Dothe conteyne in Lengithe ·xx· foote & half a foote and in Breadithe· xx· foote· & lieth over the Little plor of the said hall·

In yche chamber is a chymney & in the est chamber · j· glassewindoe & in the west chamb ij glassewindoes And betwene the ij chambers is an entrie & a little buttrie parted & devided

There be ij garrette ou' the said ij chãbers equall in lengithe & breadithe to the Chambs buttrie & entrie & the same Garrette are nowe occupied in one Garrett.

All this was measured and seene the day & yere aboue said· In the pñce of mr Seres mr.

mr Watkins warden.

mr Tottell
mr day
mr Harrison } Assistante
mr Toy

Richard Collins Clark·

(*The remaining matter, renters' returns and miscellaneous notes, that fills fols. 486b, 487a, 487b, was printed by Arber, Transcript, ii. 884–6.*)

APPENDIX

MASTERS AND WARDENS OF THE STATIONERS' COMPANY 1557–1625

The dates are those of election. The Master and Wardens took office early in July (see p. xxvi) and held it for twelve months. The list is compiled from Arber's *Transcript*.

Year	*Master*	*Upper Warden*	*Under Warden*
1557	Thomas Dockwray	John Cawood	John Walley
1558	Richard Waye	John Jaques	John Turke
1559	Reyner Wolfe	Michael Loble	Thomas Duxwell
1560	Stephen Kevall	Richard Jugge	John Judson
1561	John Cawood	William Seres	Richard Tottell
1562	John Cawood	Michael Loble	Richard Harrison
?Feb.			John Judson
1563	Richard Waye	Richard Jugge	Roger Ireland
1564	Reyner Wolfe	John Walley	John Day
1565	Stephen Kevall	William Seres	James Gonneld
1566	John Cawood	Richard Jugge	John Day
1567	Reyner Wolfe	Richard Tottell	James Gonneld
1568	Richard Jugge	Richard Tottell	Roger Ireland
1569	Richard Jugge	John Walley	William Norton
1570	William Seres	John Judson	William Norton
1571	William Seres	John Day	Humphrey Toy
1572	Reyner Wolfe	James Gonneld	Humphrey Toy
1573	Richard Jugge	William Norton	John Harrison I
1574	Richard Jugge	Richard Tottell	William Cooke
1575	William Seres	John Day	Thomas Marsh
1576	William Seres	James Gonneld	Richard Watkins
1577	William Seres	William Norton	Richard Watkins
1578	Richard Tottell	John Harrison I	George Bishop
1579	James Gonneld	John Harrison I	George Bishop
1580	John Day	Richard Watkins	Francis Coldock
1581	William Norton	Thomas Marsh	Garrat Dewce
1582	James Gonneld	Christopher Barker	Francis Coldock
1583	John Harrison I	Richard Watkins	Ralph Newbery
1584	Richard Tottell	George Bishop	Ralph Newbery
1585	James Gonneld	Christopher Barker	Henry Conway
1586	William Norton	George Bishop	Henry Denham
1587	John Judson	Francis Coldock	Henry Middleton
Sept.			Henry Conway
1588	John Harrison I	Francis Coldock	Henry Denham
1589	Richard Watkins	Ralph Newbery	Gabriel Cawood
1590	George Bishop	Ralph Newbery	Gabriel Cawood

Year	*Master*	*Upper Warden*	*Under Warden*
1591	Francis Coldock	Henry Conway	George Allen
1592	George Bishop P	Henry Conway	Thomas Stirrop
1593	William Norton	Gabriel Cawood	Thomas Woodcock
Dec.	George Bishop P		
Apr.			Thomas Stirrop
1594	Richard Watkins P	Gabriel Cawood	Isaac Bing
1595	Francis Coldock P	Isaac Bing	Thomas Dawson P
1596	John Harrison I P	Thomas Stirrop	Thomas Dawson P
1597	Gabriel Cawood	Thomas Stirrop	Thomas Man
1598	Ralph Newbery	Isaac Bing	William Ponsonby P
1599	Gabriel Cawood P	Thomas Man	John Windet
1600	George Bishop P	Thomas Dawson P	Edward White
1601	Ralph Newbery	Robert Barker P	Gregory Seton
1602	George Bishop P	Thomas Man	Simon Waterson
1603	Isaac Bing	Thomas Dawson P	Humphrey Hooper
Feb.	George Bishop P		
1604	Thomas Man	John Norton ? P.	William Leake P
1605	Robert Barker P	John Norton ? P.	Richard Field
1606	Robert Barker P	Edward White	William Leake
1607	John Norton ? P	Gregory Seton	John Standish
1608	George Bishop P	Humphrey Hooper	Humphrey Lownes P
1609	Thomas Dawson P	Simon Waterson	John Standish
1610	Thomas Man	William Leake	Thomas Adams
1611	John Norton ? P	Richard Field P	Humphrey Lownes P
1612	John Norton ? P.	Humphrey Hooper	John Harrison II
Nov.	Bonham Norton P		
1613	Bonham Norton P	Richard Field P	Richard Ockould
1614	Thomas Man	William Leake	Thomas Adams
1615	Thomas Dawson P	Humphrey Lownes P	George Swinhowe
1616	Thomas Man	Thomas Adams	Matthew Lownes
1617	Simon Waterson	Humphrey Lownes P	George Swinhowe
1618	William Leake	Thomas Adams	Anthony Gilman
1619	Richard Field P	George Swinhowe	John Jaggard
1620	Humphrey Lownes P	Matthew Lownes	George Cole
1621	Simon Waterson	George Swinhowe	Clement Knight
1622	Richard Field P	Anthony Gilman	Thomas Pavier
1623	George Swinhowe	George Cole	John Bill P
1624	Humphrey Lownes P	Matthew Lownes	Henry Cooke
1625	George Swinhowe	Anthony Gilman	Adam Islip P

[illegible] first 72 Masterships 45 were held by Printers & 30/37 (only 13 different men) by [illegible] printers
[illegible] 13 consecutive years, 1506 - 1578. Printers were Masters and for 14 years, 1603 - 1616, only
[illegible] Lownes Man ever kept a printer out of the Mastership.

[illegible] first 30 upper wardenships 23 were held by Printers & 7 (only 4 men) by non-printers
[illegible] 2nd years, 1563 - 1586, the only non-printers are John Harewell and William Norton
[illegible] first 69 upper wardenships 32 were held by Printers, & 37 by non-printers.

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[illegible] in his report to Burghley in Dec. 1582 said there were 22 printing houses in London and
[illegible] [illegible] 60 journeymen. In the 1583 list (Arber I 748) there are 23 houses, 21 owned by Stationers (to 4
[illegible] [illegible] 2 each by Wolf & Kingston, using 53 presses altogether.

LIST OF ASSISTANTS, 1584–1602

WITH NUMBERS AND DATES OF ATTENDANCES

The number in parentheses after the name gives the total attendances recorded ostensibly as an Assistant. Isolated appearances are distinguished by a query, and must be regarded with suspicion. References to the belated list of 16 Apr. 1604 (p. 63) are enclosed in parentheses. The note at the end gives the presumed qualification for membership of the Court. For a discussion of certain difficulties presented by the list see pages xvi–xvii and xxii–xxiii.

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Barker, C., (6) 1585–7, Warden 1582. d. 29 Nov. 1599
Barker, R., (5) 1598–1600 (1604), elected 9 Apr. 1594.
Bing, I., (22) 1591 (?), 1594–1602, elected 26 Mar. 1594.
Bishop, G., (50) 1587–1602, Warden 1578.
Cawood, G., (20) 1585 (?), 1591–1601, Warden 1589.
Coldock, F., (47) 1584–1602, Warden 1580.
Collins, R., (41) 1591–1602, (Clerk) elected 3 Aug. 1590.
Conway, H., (15) 1584–96 (not Warden till 1585: Renter 1577). d. ~~1 Aug. 1598~~ 1586/7
Conway, P., (1) 1585 [Renter: not a member of the Court].
Cooke, W., (39) 1584–97, Warden 1574. d. before 8 Feb. 1598
Dawson, T., (20) 1594–1602, elected 12 May 1594.
Denham, H., (12) 1585–90 (not Warden till 1586: Renter 1580). d. before 7 April 1598 see p. 51
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East, T., (1) (1604) [later record].
Gonneld, J., (11) 1584–93, Warden 1565. [illegible] pr. 1594
Grafton, R., (2) 1588 [Counsel to the Company].
Harrison, J., I (70) 1584–1602 (1604), Warden 1573.
Hooper, H., (2) 1600 (?), 1602, elected 13 Jan. 1602.
Howe, W., (34) 1584–1600 (never Warden: Renter 1581).
Judson, J., (4) 1584–7, Warden 1560. d. before 18 March 1589
Man, T., (15) 1595–1602 (1604), elected 12 May 1594.
Middleton, H., (6) 1584–7 (not Warden till 1587: Renter 1582). d. Dec. 1587
Newbery, R., (51) 1586–1600, Warden 1583.
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Norton, J., (3) 1602 (1604), elected 13 Jan. 1602.
Norton, W., (16) 1584–92, Warden 1569. d. 1594 ? Dec.
Ponsonby, W., (18) 1591(?), 1598–1602, elected 6 May 1597.
Purfoot, T., sen. (1) 1587 [not a member of the Court]. ——— ? (not 11 June 1593)
Seton, G., (3) 1602 (1604), Warden 1601.
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Walley, J., (2) 1584–5, Warden 1557. d. before 28 April 1586
Walley, R., (3) 1594–5, elected 9 Apr. 1594.
Waterson, S., (3) 1600 (?), 1602 (1604), elected 13 Jan. 1602.
Watkins, R., (57) 1584–99, Warden 1576.
White, E., (4) 1591 (?), 1602 (1604), Warden 1600. not an Assistant 19 June 1598
Windet, J., (3) 1600–2, Warden 1599.
Woodcock, T., (16) 1590–3, elected 3 Aug. 1590. d. 22 April 1594

Richard Day subscribed to Low Charges 19 June 1598 as an Assistant. Liber A

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